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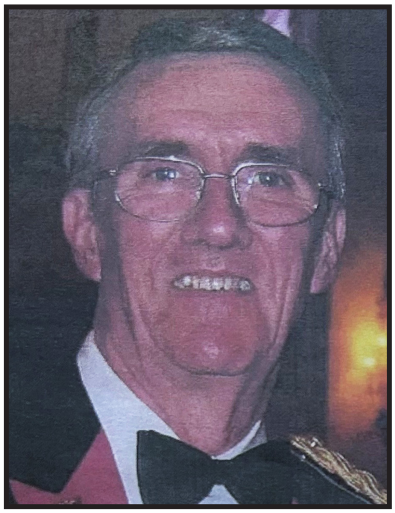
This Annual Record is dedicated to Captain George Morrison, Past Commander and my Chief of Staff.

George was a strong and committed man who gave me the strength, courage, fortitude and moral guidance to succeed as the 316th Captain Commanding. I will always cherish our friendship and intellectual conversations. George was very insightful and objective when guiding my decisions but never lost faith in my conclusions. May George rest in the loving arms of the almighty and fellow Ancient souls. When you read this Annual Record always remember George always inspired and practiced "Facta Non Verba" Deeds Not Words.



George M. Morrison Obituary
1/3/1940 – 2/17/2026

George M. Morrison, 86, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family following a brief illness. A man defined by service, leadership, faith and unwavering optimism, George lived a full and extraordinary life devoted to his family, his community, his Commonwealth, and his country.

Born in Allston, Massachusetts, George moved to Foxborough in 1969, where he proudly lived, worked, and served for the remainder of his life. Foxborough was not simply his hometown – it was his life's work.

George was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force and later served as an officer in the Massachusetts State Guard. His lifelong commitment to military tradition and ceremonial excellence culminated in his service as Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, the oldest chartered military organization in the Western Hemisphere. As a Goodwill Ambassador representing the Commonwealth and the Nation, George traveled to more than 50 countries, meeting global leaders including the Pope, several Presidents of the United States, and distinguished figures in public service.

A successful business owner and respected community leader, George served as Past President of the Boston Executives Association, was an active member of the Foxborough Rotary Club and the Knights of Columbus, and contributed to the Town of Foxborough through his work on the Economic Development Committee. He also dedicated countless hours to the youth of Foxboro as a Foxboro Midget Football coach, taking pride in developing young athletes both on and off the field.

His faith was central to his life. George faithfully served at St. Mark's Church in Foxborough for over 50 years in many capacities, and held the role of Senior Warden on multiple occasions. His dedication to service, above self, earned him numerous awards and recognitions from civic, religious and service organizations throughout his lifetime.

Above all else, George was a devoted family man. He was the son of the late Hugh L. Morrison and Margaret (Vincent) Morrison of Allston, MA. He was one of 10 beloved siblings. He is survived by his son George and his wife Jennifer of Foxborough; daughters, Dianne Tepper of Norton, MA, Marianne Russo and her husband Michael of Foxborough, MA, and Jennifer Theos and her husband Thomas of Foxborough, MA. He also leaves his longtime companion, partner and love of his life, Louise D'Onofrio.

George was the proud grandfather of ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, each of whom brought him immeasurable joy and pride.

Even in his final days, George remained firm in his optimism. He reminded his family that this was not a time to grieve, but a time to celebrate a life well lived. His legacy of integrity, patriotism, faith, leadership, and positivity will live on through all who knew and loved him.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours on Tuesday, February 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Roberts & Sons Funeral Home, 30 South Street, Foxborough, MA. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 25, at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 116 South Street, Foxborough, MA, followed by interment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Foxborough.

In lieu of flowers, donations in George's memory may be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 116 South Street, Foxborough, MA 02035.

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THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL RECORD

OF THE

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

2024 ~ 2025

MAJOR MICHAEL ANDREW FISH, ESQUIRE

The three hundred and sixteenth Commander

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Captain's Message

Dear Comrades:

I am honored to present this Annual Record which represents many years of preparation and commitment to our traditions and historical relevance as a military company. I am proud of this company and all the exemplary conduct performed during my 2024/2025 command year. To my elected and appointed staff, thank you. My command staff worked tirelessly to support and implement my rigorous schedule of events all with one major objective. Promotion, education and maintaining the significance of our company in our almost 400 years of existence. I was proud to support the 250th anniversary of this great nation and lay a foundation for future Captain Commanders. As we move forward always remember," Facta non Verba", Deeds Not Words. I do not take lightly these words of my past commanders or those in the future, "For the good of the company".

Michael Andrew Fish
Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire
316th Captain Commanding

MAJOR MICHAEL ANDREW FISH, ESQUIRE
Captain Commanding
The three hundred and sixteenth Commander

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Roster Of Officers and Committees

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
2024 - 2025

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CAPTAIN COMMANDING

MAJOR MICHAEL ANDREW FISH, ESQUIRE

ROSTER

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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Committees (E) 2024-2025, **Finance Committee Chairman** LT. Richard Kingsborough, **Trustees of the Permanent Fund** Chairman Col. James Wiegel, Col. Walter Opanasett, **MM&LC** Chairman LT. Michael Haran

ELECTED SERGEANTS

First Sergeant (I) Michael Douglas TBD 2nd Stanley Chu, 3rd Joseph Harris, 4th James Steele, 5th George Matta, 6th Phil Privetera

First Sergeant (A)Captain MacGregor Morgan TBD, 2nd Steve Abrams, 3rd Marcus Kennedy, 4th Michael Morris, 5th Paul McMahon, 6th Michael Nemeth

Committees (A) 2024-2025, **Membership Committee Chairman** LT. Dominic Uglietto, LT. Michael R Haran, **Vice Chairman** LT. Ted Monac, Sergeant at Arms LT Mathew Uglietto, CMDR David Graham Treasurer ,LTC Bruce Warren Secretary, LT. Frank Pasciuto, Col. Gregory H Seymourian, LT Wilson Wong, Sgt Hung Goon, LT. Stephen A DaCorta, LT Albert MacDonald, LT

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AWARDS COMMITTEE - Colonel Willwerth

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Page 8. **Military Support Committee – Chairman** Col. Catherine Corkery, **Co Vice Chairman** LT. Christopher Peatridge, **Co Vice Chairman** COL. Kristian Stoltenberg, Col. Larry Willwerth, LTG Scott Rice, BG Francis LaBollita, BG Joseph Amendolare, BG Len Kondratuik, Col. James Littleton, Col. Ron Barnes, LTC David Anderson, LTC Bruce Warren, LT Joseph Giacobbe, LT Gerald O'Grady III, Don Mofford, Carin Paulette, 2nd LT Robert Collins , **Recruiting and Retention Committee Chairman** Col. James Littleton, **Vice Chairman** LT. John Mitchell, LT. Joseph Giaccobe, BG John Driscoll, Sgt. Peter Nee, LT Ralph Kane, LT. Joseph Markey, Sgt. Michael Yarosh, Sgt. Eugene Capobianco, Sgt. Ernest Opanoset, Lt. Alvin Horvitz, Sgt. Lawrence Costello, LTC David Graham, **Advisory Committee**, Col. Lawrence Willwerth, Col. Henry Hogan, **Swiss Guard Committee** CPT. Paul E Morrill PC, CPT. Frances Magaletta PC, LT. Brian Kane, BG Joseph Milano PC, CPT. Joseph Benoit PC, **London Committee** BG Joseph Milano PC, Captain George Morrison PC, Captain Tim Hariden PC, **Centennial Legion Committee,** LT. Barton Hyte, Past Commander, CPT. Daniel May PC, Col. Ronald Barnes, 2LT. Robert Collins

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FFDTD Committee, Standing Committee, Anniversary Committee, Awards Board,

Non Commissioned Staff (A), Sgt. Major Brian Ward, **Quartermaster Sgt's** TBD, **Color Guard Sgt's** TBD, **Paymaster Sgt**. TBD, **Personnel Sgt/Protocol Sgt.** Acting Sgt. Major James Weydt, **Ordnance Aid** TBD, **Medical Sgt.** TBD, **Training Sgt.** MSGT Robert Duval , **Functions Aids** TBD, **PAO/Liaison** Sgt. Tim West

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Color Guard Non Commissioned Officer in Charge Sergeant Major Michael Drummy**, CG AOIC** SSGT Tim West, **CG NCO Emeritus** MSGT Gerard F Kelly, **CG Members** TBD, Jim Bennett, Dan Hanlon

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Guidon Bearer (I) SGT. Dan Hanlon, **Guidon Bearer (A)** TBD, **Flankers to the Captain**, BG Michael Finer, Col. Dean Saluti, **(TAO)** LT. Wilson Wong**, Banner Sgt's** TBD, **Musician** MSGT Gerald S. Davidson, LT. Robert Bean

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Exec. Sec. LT. Joseph Regan, **Curator** LT. Charles Fazio, **Liaison to USS Constitution and US Navy**, LCDR David Graham, **Assistant Liaison** CPT. Harry Weinberg, **Special Events Committee** LT. John Mitchell, PVT Stephen Yarosh, **Webmaster** Capt. Dennis O'Brien PC, Col. Ron Barnes,

Sergeant Tim West, **Sub Committee for Administration** , First LT. John Damiano, **Chief Military Aide to to Gov.** BG Joseph Milano PC, **Liaison to the Mayor** SSG Hung Goon, **ROD Liasion** LT. Shervin Hawley, **Elected Sergeants Advisor** Capt. Robert Imlach, PC, **Company Photographers**, LT. Barton Hyte, MSGT Gerard Kelly, LT. Thomas Furey III, Spec 4 James Black

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Captain Commanding Charitable Drive, Command Year 2024/2025, WTC 9/11 Museum

Please consider a donation on behalf of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company

All donations should be payable to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, please note WTC 9/11 Museum Donation on check.

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DEATH ROLL REPORT
1 June 2024 – 31 May 2025

SGT LOUIS P. PIACENTINI
DIED: 30 MAY 2024
(NOTIFIED 2 JUNE 2024)
ENROLLED: 3 APRIL 2006
SERVED: 18 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

PVT G. GREGORY WHITE
DIED: 2 AUGUST 2024
ENROLLED: 3 APRIL 2017
SERVED: 7 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

CPT PAUL MORRILL, P.C.
DIED: 7 DECEMBER 2024
ENROLLED: 1 MAY 1995
SERVED: 29 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

MAJ ALBERT J. TONRY
DIED: 7 JUNE 2024
ENROLLED: 16 APRIL 2013
SERVED: 11 YEARS
R.O.D. MEMBER

MSG GERALD DAVIDSON
DIED: 11 AUGUST 2024
ENROLLED: 9 FEB 1998
SERVED: 26 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

LT DAVID L. CROSS
DIED: 18 DECEMBER 2024
ENROLLED: 18 SEPT 1995
SERVED; 29 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

SGM JAMES W. WEYDT
DIED: 23 JUNE 2024
ENROLLED: 14 MAY 2001
SERVED: 23 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

PVT CHARLES BONANNO
DIED: 8 OCTOBER 2024
ENROLLED: 14 FEB 1977
SERVED: 47 YEARS
NON RESIDENT MEMBER

MSG GERARD KELLY
DIED: 29 DECEMBER 2024
ENROLLED: 8 SEPT 1975
SERVED: 49 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

CPT KEVIN F. JOYCE
DIED: 7 JULY 2024
ENROLLED: 13 JANUARY 2020
SERVED: 4 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

LT ROBERT ENGEL
DIED: 22 OCT 2024
ENROLLED: 13 NOV 2003
SERVED: 21 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

COL ROBERT MESSINA
DIED: 30 JANUARY 2025
ENROLLED: 6 APRIL 1981
SERVED: 44 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

LT EUGENE P. KELLEY
DIED: 10 JULY 2024
ENROLLED: 10 SEPT 1973
SERVED: 51 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE 50 MEMBER

LT EUGENE PIACENTINI
DIED: 12 NOV 2024
ENROLLED: 3 APRIL 1989
SERVED: 35 TEARS
SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

CW3 CHRISTOPHER PEATRIDGE
DIED: 10 FEBRUARY 2025
ENROLLED: 2 AUGUST 1999
SERVED: 25 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

LT LAWRENCE KNOWLES

DIED: 23 FEBRUARY 2025

ENROLLED: 14 APRIL 2016

SERVED: 9 YERS

REGULAR MEMBER

CPT JOHN ROCCO

DIED: 21 MARCH 2025

ENROLLED: 20 SEPT 1993

SERVED: 32 YEARS

SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

CPL JAMES SARNI

DIED: 7 MAY 2025

ENROLLED: 19 OCT 1984

SERVED: 41 YEARS

SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

COL RICHARD TEDESCHI

DIED: 18 MAY 2025

ENROLLED: 13 FEB 1989

SERVED: 36 YEARS

SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

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HONOR ROLL OF LIVING PAST COMMANDERS

280th	LTC M. Joseph DeMatteo	1988-1989	Munich/Berlin
281st	BG Joseph Milano	1989-1990	Washington DC /Tokyo/Bangkok
285th	COL Ernest C. Caggiano	1993-1994	Portugal/Malta/ Sicily
293rd	CPT Joseph C. Benoit	2001-2002	Cayman/Belize/ Mexico/Honduras
295th	CPT George Morrison	2003-2004	Scotland/Iceland
297th	CPT Paul E. Morrill	2005-2006	Cape Town/Zambia
298th	CPT Daniel G. May	2006-2007	Buenos Aries
300th	CPT Jerome V. Sweeney, II	2008-2009	Beijing, China/ Bangkok, Thailand
303rd	CPT Paul J. Covell	2011-2012	Poland/Ireland
305th	CPT Francis J. Magaletta	2013-2014	London/Madrid
306th	CPT Gerard C. McCarthy	2014-2015	Prague/Munich
307th	CPT Domenic A. Previte	2015-2016	Rome/Malta
308th	BG Robert E. Welch	2016-2017	San Diego/Honolulu
309th	CPT Dennis C. O'Brien	2017-2018	France/Belgium
310th	LTC Charles J. McCarthy, Jr.	2018-2019	Washington, DC/ Gettysburg/Antietam
311th	CPT Nicholas Schiarizzi	2019-2020	Zagreb/Split/ Dubrovnik
313th	CPT Robert A. Imlach, Jr.	2021-2022	Barcelona / Valencia Spain
314th	CPT Thomas J. Goodfellow	2022-2023	Canadian Maritimes
315th	CPT Timothy J. Haraden	2023-2024	London / Windsor
316th	Major Michael Fish	2024-2025	New Orleans

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CALENDAR OF COMMAND YEAR 2024/2025

1. JUNE DAY – SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024/MONDAY 3 JUNE 2024
2. SATURDAY 8 JUNE 2024-GASPEE DAY PARADE
3. FIRST MEETING- MONDAY 10 JUNE 2024
4. WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2024-TEN OF US BBQ AND ANNUAL MEETING
5. Monday 17 JUNE 2024 – BUNKER HILL MONUMENT TBD
6. SATURDAY 29 JUNE 2024-NEWPORT POLO EVENT
7. PRE-TRIP- SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024- WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2024
8. THURSDAY 4 JULY 2024 – PARADE/GREAT HALL
9. TUESDAY 23 JULY 2024 – ANCIENTS GOLF DAY
10. WEDNESDAY 31 JULY 2024- AHAC CLAMBAKE
11. FRIDAY 2, SAT 3, AUGUST 2024- USS NANTUCKET COMMISSIONING
12. MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2024– SECOND SUMMER MEETING
13. SATURDAY 10 AUGUST 2024-FIFE AND DRUMS FT ADAMS/CENTENNIAL LEGION
14. WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 2024-TEN OF US OUTING MARSHFIELD
15. SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 2024-LAFAYETTE 200 PARADE AND EVENTS

16. TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2024-FIRST FALL MEETING (LABOR DAY ON MONDAY)
17. SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2024 – SERGEANTS BON VOYAGE PARTY
18. MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2024-SECOND FALL MEETING
19. FALL FIELD DAY TOUR OF DUTY

FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2024 – SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

20. MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2024-THIRD FALL MEETING.
21. FRIDAY 11/SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2024-NYC 9/11 MUSEUM CEREMONY AND EVENT
22. SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2024-FALL SHOOT
23. MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2024-FOURTH FALL MEETING
24. THURS/FRI/SAT 24/25/26 OCTOBER-CENTENNIAL LEGION ANNUAL MEETING/BANQUET
25. NOVEMBER 2024-VETERANS DAY PARADE TBD
26. SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2024 – LIEUTENANTS BALL
27. MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2024-VETERANS DAY EVENT
28. SATURDAY 16/23 TBD NOVEMBER 2024-PLYMOUTH PARADE/CHRISTMAS PARTY
29. MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2024 TBD-TOYS FOR TOTS

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30. WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY 2025 – FIRST FLAG
31. MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2025-FIRST WINTER MEETING
32. MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2025-SECOND WINTER MEETING
33. MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2025-PRESIDENTS DAY LUNCHEON/CANDIDATES RECEPTION
34. SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2025-CAPTAINS SPRING CRUISE
35. MONDAY 7 APRIL 2025-FIRST SPRING MEETING
36. MONDAY 21 APRIL 2025-PATRIOTS DAY/SHOT HEARD AROUND THE WORLD EVENT

37. SATURDAY APRIL 2025-SALEM MUSTER TBD

38. APRIL 2025-COMMISSIONING USS MASSACHUSETTS TBD

39. MONDAY 28 APRIL 2025-SECOND SPRING MEETING

40. THURSDAY 1 MAY 2025 – JAG DINNER

41. MONDAY 5 MAY 2025-NOMINATIONS

42. MONDAY 12 MAY 2025-ELECTIONS

43. FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025 – SERGEANT'S FAREWELL PARTY

44. WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2025- TRIPE/APPRECIATION DINNER TBD

CALENDAR OF COMMAND YEAR 2024/2025 CONTINUED

45. MONDAY 26 MAY 2025-FINAL MEETING

46. SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2025/MONDAY 2 JUNE 2025-JUNE DAY

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING EVENT TBD- PRIORITY EVENTS

(MT FEAKE) (ST GEORGE DINNER)

(SALEM MUSTER)

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS WILL OCCUR IN THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH POTENTIAL AHAC PARTICIPATION

1. DEFENSE UNIVERSITY 2. CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR SOCIETY, 3. 10 OF US VALENTINES

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CHARTER OF THE MILITARY COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Charter of the Military Company of the Massachusetts

Present
The Governor
The Deputy Governor
Mr. Endecott
Mr. Saltonstall
Mr. Winthrop, Iuni
Mr. Israell
Stoughton
Mr. Symon
Bradstreet
Increase Nowell

Deputies
Joseph Hull
Anthony Eames
John Upham
Stephen French
John Glover
Thomas Jeanes
John Perce
Willi Heathe
Edward Porter
Griffin Crofte
Atherton Haugh
Rob't Keayne
Edward Gibbens
Rob't Sedgwicl
Ralph Sprague
Thomas Lynde
Joseph Cooke
Samu; Sheophard
Rich'd Jackson
Rich'd Browne
Willi: Jennison
Thomas Mayhewe
Thomas Flint
Edward Rawson
Edward Woodman
Rich'd Lumpkin
Willi: Bartholemew
Willi: Hauthorne
John Woodberry
Jeffry Massey
Edward Howe
Tymothy Tomlins
Edward Allen

Military Comps. of ye Massachusetts
Capt. Keaf 409

A Generall Courte, houlden at Boston, the 13th of the First Month, A D 1638.

& Confirmed by the Generall Court.

Whereas divers gentlemen & others, out of their care of the publike weale & safety by the advancement of the millitary arte, & exrcise of armes, have desired licence of the Courte to joyne themselves in one company, & to have liberty to exercise themselves at such times as their occations will best permit, & that such other liberties & privledges might bee granted them at the Court shallk thinke meete for their better incuragement & furtherance in so use-full impliment, wch request of theirs being referred by the Court to vs of standing councell, wee have throught fitt, upon serious consideration, & conference wth diverse of the princi-pall of them, to set downe order hearin, as followeth.

Imprimis, wee do order, that Robert Keayne, Nathaniell Duncan, Robert Sedgivick, Willi: Spencer, gentlemen, & such other as are already joyned wth them, & such as they shall from time to time take into their company shalbee called the Millitary Company of the Massachusetts.

2. They, or the greater number of them, shall have liberty to choose their captaine, leittenant & all other officers, (their captaine & leiftenant to bee alwayes such as the Court or counsell shall alow of,) & no officer to bee put upon them but of their owne choyce.

3. The first Monday in every month is appointed for their meeting & exercise; & to the end they may not bee hindered from comeing together, wee do hereby order, that no other traineings in the pticuler townes, nor other ordinary towne meetings, shalbee appointed on that day; & if that day be unseasonable for exercise of their armes, then the sixth of the same weeke is appointed for supply; this not to extend to Salem, or the townes beyond, nor to Hingham, Weimoth, Dedham, nor Concord.

4. They have liberty & power to make orders among themselves for the better maunaging of their millitary affaires, (weh orders are to bee of force when they shalbee alowed by the Court or counsell) & they may appoint an officer to levy any fines or forfeitures wch they shall impose upon any of their owne company, for the breach of any such order, so as the same exceede not twenty shillings for any one offence.

5. The said millitary copany are to have one thousand acres of land in some such place as may not be piudiciall to any plantation, to bee granted by the Court to some of the said com-pany, for the use of the pesent company, & such as shall succeede in the same, to bee improved by them wthin a time convenient for pviding or necessaries for their millitary exer-cises, & defraying of other charges whch may arise by occation thereof.

6. The said company shall have liberty, at the times before appointed, to assemble them-selves for their millitary exercises in any towne wthin this jurisdiction, at their owne pleas-ures.

Provided, alwayes, that this order or grant or anything therein contained, shall not extend to free the said company, or any of them, their psons or estates, from the civill government & jurisdiction heare established.

Jo: Winthrop, Govr.
Tho: Dudley, Depu.

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History

English settlers in Boston and other towns in the Massachusetts Bay Colony adopted the English militia system as their model for local defense. Every male colonist between the ages of 16 and 60 was required to possess arms and equipment and to drill with the town militia company. In 1636 town companies were assigned to three regional regiments. Several prominent men in Boston, all with military experience, agreed that another type of militia organization was needed to better prepare militiamen for the defense of the colony. In 1637 these men petitioned the General Court for permission to organize a volunteer company that would enlist its own members, elect its officers and noncommissioned officers, and prepare its own soldiers for commissions in the enrolled militia. Their model was the Honourable Artillery Company of London which many of the petitioners had served with prior to immigrating to Massachusetts. The original petition was not granted because the General Court perceived a threat to its authority from a military unit not under its direct control. With the threat of war with the Indians, the General Court changed its position and approved a charter on 13 March 1638 for the *Military Company of the Massachusetts*, as the Company was initially designated. This charter, still in effect, makes the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company the oldest chartered or volunteer military company in the United States and the Western Hemisphere. The Charter allowed the Company to elect its officers and noncommissioned officers, allowed its privates to concurrently drill with their own town militia companies, gave the Ancients precedence over all other militia training and granted land for the Company's use. The Company immediately began organizing and equipping after receipt of the charter. The first Company election was held in June 1638 on Boston Common. Captain Robert Keayne was elected the first Captain Commanding. Since that first election, the Company has elected its officers and sergeants for one-year terms every first Monday of June (June Day) on the Boston Common. The Company began training in earnest and became a school of military science and tactics for the militia. Drill was conducted several times a month to keep its members' military skills well-honed. While the threat of Indian attack was always in the background the first war that individual Ancients served in was totally unexpected. Several Ancients left Boston to return to England to serve in the Puritan Army during the English Civil War 1642-1651. The Company continued to drill and to provide trained officers for the militia. This came to fruition during King Phillip's War 1675-1676 which was the most serious threat to the colony's existence when several Indian tribes attacked the English colonists. Company-trained officers played a vital role in the English victory.

3 3 In 1690 the Company was first called the *Artillery Company* meaning that it was a volunteer unit equipped with firearms. In time the Company was designated as the *Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company,* but was always organized as an infantry company. By the early 1700 the Company's mission evolved from a volunteer infantry unit to a ceremonial unit composed of active and retired militia officers. It had also been accorded status as the senior unit of the Massachusetts Militia with the privilege of marching ahead of all other units. Boston was in turmoil in 1774 as its citizens and Crown officials were at loggerheads concerning the right of Parliament to tax the colonists. That autumn the British disarmed the Boston Regiment and the Ancients. The Company took no role in the outbreak of fighting on 19 April 1775 due to the British occupation of Boston which kept most members in the town. However, a few members managed to escape and join the Massachusetts Army and later the Continental Army. The Company suspended operations during the Revolutionary War since the militia was constantly on active duty. The Company reorganized in 1786 along with other volunteer militia companies during Shay's Rebellion. The Company quickly purchased uniforms, equipment and arms and was prepared to take the field if called upon. During the 1787 Constitutional debates in Philadelphia concerning the future of the state militias, the Company was mentioned as a *prestigious volunteer militia unit.* In 1792, the Company's "ancient privileges" were guaranteed by the Federal Militia Act. These privileges continue today under Title 32, U.S. Code and Chapter 33, Massachusetts General Laws. The Company's members took leadership positions in the Massachusetts Militia and many served on active duty in the fall of 1814 during the War of 1812 when Massachusetts was threatened with invasion by British forces. The Company had no direct role in the War with Mexico 1846-1848, however, individual members served on active duty with the 1st Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. The Civil War was a momentous event for both the nation and the Company. Just as in the Revolutionary War, Ancients volunteered for active service in dozens of Massachusetts regiments that the state fielded. All the militia units that had then shared the armory with the Ancients volunteered for active service and left the armory to the Company. After the Civil War the criteria for membership changed. Veterans, regardless of rank, could join as well as patriotic men with no prior military service. Since then the Company has been comprised of both veterans and non-veterans.

4 4 The Company renewed its ties with its "parent" organization The Honourable Artillery Company of London in 1886. Since then, the two organizations have maintained a very close relationship with both organizations sharing visits of a regular basis. Individual Ancients were mobilized for active service in the Spanish American War, World War I and World War II. Since 1945, individual Ancients have served on

active duty in all of the nation's wars. During WW II, the Ancients organized a wartime militia unit, *the Special Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Division, Massachusetts State Guard*. The unit was responsible for support units within the 2nd Division The Company is still a military organization and is well known for the many parades and ceremonies that the organization participates in every year. It is less recognized for the considerable charitable activities it has conducted including support for the United Services Organization (USO), Toys for Tots, the Old North Church Foundation, and other worthy organizations over the years. Also, the Company has visited dozens of countries and battlefields all over the world where Americans have fought and are buried during the Fall Field Day Tours of Duty in the role of good will ambassadors for the United States, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the City of Boston. On multiple occasions the Company has purchased and installed monuments in various countries recognizing the service and sacrifice of the U.S. Armed Forces. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company still plays a vital role in the ceremonial, patriotic and civic life of City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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MAJOR MICHAEL ANDREW FISH, ESQUIRE 316th CAPTAIN COMMANDING

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June 2024 – Training Officer under command of Captain Timothy Haraden PC

+ Swore in about 40 new personnel

+ Represented Captain Haraden at several key events in his absence

+ Began the MGL c.33 Legislative initiative in Captain Thomas Goodfellow year and continued through Captain Haraden PC year

+ Forced to cancel Israel FFDTD due to war and began backup plan to New Orleans, LA.

+ Initiated a Training Plan and conducted three group trainings

+ Initiated structure change to AHAC Color Guard with new NCOIC and ANCOIC

+ Captain George Morrison PC and myself creating a backup plan regarding Al hotel formulas and non - cooperation of Boston June Day ceremonies

+ Created budget Ancient's Year 2024/2025 without COVID Funds availability or rule change rollover regarding FFDTD.

+ Initiated the return of ROD $100.00 Assessment

+ Began preparations for the 250th Anniversary of our nation whereby AHAC will take lead initiatives

+ Began preparations with newly formed USS Massachusetts SSN 798 Commissioning Committee

+ Organizational two- day trip to New Orleans with LT. Shervin Hawley, very successful. Pre-trip now scheduled for Saturday 18 May-Wednesday 22 May.

Monday 6 May 2024

At 16:00 hours Major Fish called a meeting of the Finance Committee, Paymaster, current 1st Lieutenant Steven Colella and Captain George Morrison PC. Also attending LT. James Littleton, Paymaster Emeritus and Captain Gerard McCarthy PC for the purpose of June Day 2025 back-up plan.

Nomination Night was exciting but long as the company nominated sixteen candidates for office. Captain Haraden opened the Committee of the Whole at about 20:00 hours and began two minute blocks for each speaker. Captain George Morrison PC nominated and LT. Stephen Dacorta seconded.

Monday 13 May 2024

The ongoing search for a June Day hotel is continuing. The AHAC members who insist on a Boston based hotel are set in their ways and insist, no Quincy. Both myself and George Morrison are still confident Quincy is the solution. On Friday I was reminded by the Club Royale and the Marriott Courtyard 275 Tremont St Boston, I held a June Day reservation from 2020 at the COVID breakout. This was my solution to a willing June Day Hotel which was declined by the Command Staff. We had no June Day outside of a change of command on the common near the Statehouse. I am now in communication with both venues as a Boston hotel solution. BG Joseph Milano, PC has introduced me to a Meet Boston representative who Joseph believes can find a Boston Hotel. As I have explained to the company, AI, 90 Day out contracts and hotel right to bump does not suit the Ancient's requirements.

"Church" listed in the Rules and Regulations of the company is very questionable. What is defined as a church? As a Jew I find this unfair, definitely not divisive and correctable. I feel the rule should state "House of Worship". Both George Morrison and I feel the Grand Lodge of Masons is a suitable solution for our June Day Memorial Service. Several notable Ancients have expressed anger over this suggestion.

Election Night was electric with long time Ancient's attending and reacquainting themselves with members of the company. A contentious FinCom race for a 4 and 5 year position resulted in two last minute entry's winning by a slight margin. Many factors most likely contributed to the loss of two candidates who announced after June Day 2024. The Lafayette Sergeants were present and ran a proper race. The two First Sergeants won handily and conducted their affairs in proper tradition. A shout out to our Commissary Officer Brett Henry, an outstanding meal was served.

At 5:30P I represented the company at the Old Statehouse for a Revolution Boston event. As incoming Captain Commanding and Life member of Revolution Boston, I must properly acknowledge our company history and the significance of July 4th reading of the DOI from the balcony. The Senior Past Captain present, PC Sweeney closed the Committee of the Whole and the meeting was ended.

Friday 31 May 2024

I now have found time to continue these records since election night. Many preparations required to accomplish scheduled events during one's command year are arduous. Current matters must be dealt with first. Traditions of the company require a timely roster and calendar of events for command year 2024/2025. My third and final training session must occur. Contractual obligations with specified action dates regarding the FFDTD are a must. Coordinating with my incoming Sergeant's group has been both smooth and efficient. I believe my choices in recruiting for this important working group will prove to be my greatest success. June Day preparation has been simple, wrangle in my VIP's and write a speech. Both tasks have been accomplished. I have assigned Lieutenant Stephen Coan to coordinate my brother masons on the parade field for a photo. What is not so easy is preparing for a FFDTD. Contract obligations have been expensive and of great concern to the company. The final cost of the trip has become difficult as numbers of attendees are low. My greatest challenge is selling a great trip in a relatively short period of time. All other scheduled events are chaired by very competent Ancients and will be addressed after June Day.

Thursday 6 June 2024

DDay 80th anniversary, Normandy, France. I watched the live ceremony on TV. I was able to get a quick glance of Woody Woodhouse dressed in his AF Class A's, proud to be his friend.

Well, let's move on to June Day 2024. My best friend/brother Howard Hay arrived from Virginia from Logan. My wife arrived from Florida, loaded the car and headed to the Copley Marriott Hotel. Arrival at the hotel is always fun as we valet the car. The good note is the hotel employee I have known for years. A hug, handshake and congratulations, into the hotel we went. The three of us staying in the hotel suite which is customary for both Captain Commanding's.

Hallene and I greeted the First Sergeant's in the assigned entertainment suite. Helping to unpack and stuff VIP packages consumed time and we were hungry. The original plans called for a small group of HAC and both Captain's with wives heading to the North End. An unfortunate breakdown in communications changed the original plans. Kent Percy and his wife from Atlanta, my assigned Dental Officer and friend arrived, they were hungry. As we headed out for dinner we ran into CC Tim and his wife. The North End was still the plan and they kept to the plan, we went on the new dinner adventure within walking distance of the hotel.

Sunday was a day I had been thinking about all year. With a solid Sergeants group full of creative ideas and energy, breakfast would be the coming out event, success or failure.

The Lafayette Sergeants were magnificent and what a breakfast spread. The food was prepared by Chef Steele, the Sergeant I roomed with on the pre-trip. A homemade hot breakfast was had by all. Lafayette Sergeant's Hospitality Suite opened up in full swing and with great support of the company. The Governors Dinner event went smoothly starting at 1800 and ending at 2030. Following an early visit to the Sergeant's Hospitality Suite ensuring a smooth operation, I proceeded to bed with thoughts of early morning Reveille.

0430 my usual wake up time, mainly because reality slowly faded away comfortable and calming dreams. The thought of reality suddenly rears, June Day is here, time to realize and accept, 5 long years.

My uniform is ready, so am I, with the help of my trusted friend and brother Howard Thomas Hay I dawn my Captain Commanding uniform and join my fellow HAC and Ancients in the hotel lobby. After collecting my Command Staff officers and my PAO/Photographer LT. Barton Hyte, a great friend and extremely talented graphic designer, we head to reveille. The highlight of reveille is LT. Robert Bean and his fife and drum. It is an honor to stand at attention in a small neighborhood park at 0730, local folks witnessing such a historical ritual. My first public appearance as new commander of the oldest chartered military company in America.

Captains breakfast was tasty but typical, lots of conversation with friends and off to the limos for memorial services. A lesson learned from this June Day, check on police escorts. Two limos and no escort spell disaster. The Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday preceding June Day confirmed, no police escort. In typical fashion, two Boston Police retirees who always acted as Liaison's were not asked. Our company now has several retired police officers. I told the CC Tim Haraden I would talk to Sergeant Joe Harris, retired Superintendent and take care of escort. Prior to our heading to the two memorials I coordinated with twelve Boston Police motorcycles and two limo drivers. I am not sure if out of respect for Michael Fish or Joe Harris, twelve motorcycle escorts, lights and sirens whisked us to both Captain Keayne and John F Kennedy sites for wreath laying, Taps and photos.

Faneuil Hall hosted pre- June Day lunch and in typical Brett Henry, Commissary Officer fashion, delicious. Me, as usual, running in every direction answering questions, greeting Ancient brothers and sisters, visiting units and dignitaries I had no time to eat. I invited several friends to dine in the Captains Quarters as I awaited my wife and daughter to arrive by limo. It was then I planned on a family lunch in my new quarters. As I finally began to consume my first bite, bugle calls and Adjutant calls to leave the building and form up outside.

Some day after almost 400 years we will have a smooth formation, but not today. There is always the struggle over line position based on historical dates of founding. I do know, all non- Ancient units form in front of City Hall. My Constitution Color Guard is the only exception and I made sure they formed behind us. Another mystery is finding the proper parade position for the incoming command staff. The National Anthem always corrects the confusion, wherever you are standing at that moment is now your parade position.

We proudly marched in column of three to the Boston Common, military marching music from our Massachusetts National Guard Band, drums and fife from several of the militias, all went uninterrupted.

We entered the Boston Common being cheered by a relatively light crowd and proceeded with a pass and review by our VIP tent and MC BG Emory Maddox. As the day was very warm and we expected the Governor sooner than later, Captain Commanding Tim Haraden made a daring call. I say daring as certain Ancients dislike any changes to "tradition" conducted the Drum Head Election prior to the Governors arrival. The move was a great call as it shortened the time standing in formation in the exposed elements. The Governor arrived, was greeted by her 19 Gun Salute by the Artillery Battery of the National Guard. My time now arrived, as certain Ancients would remind me, no kilt, big boy pants, I stepped up to my prominent position in front of the troops. I watched as CC Tim resigned his commission. I proceeded forward carefully watching Tim's pace as we approached each other centerfield. I could see great relief in his face as we saluted, smiled and continued forward. I stood before our Governor, BG Milano, Massachusetts Army National Guard, Grand Master of Masons, Massachusetts George Forest Hamilton, many HAC and visiting dignitaries but most important, my wife Hallene and daughter Marissa.

I was not nervous as the Governor and I exchanged very nice pleasantries while BG Milano adjusted my gorget. Rumor tells of the gorget being a Paul Revere silver piece, this has not been proven and remains a favorite Captain's tale. Several group pictures were taken by photographers, one with closest friends and family and one with my masonic brothers in the background.

One more pass and review with the Governor now rendering honors to the Ancients new CC, Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire, I led the company on a parade to the Copley Public Library for a Retreat Ceremony. As construction prevented our ceremony on Trinity Church Park we sought alternate plans and the sidewalk at the side of Copley Public Library. The ceremony was quick and a very suitable solution. BG Driscoll, Adjutant led the troops and honors were rendered to our visiting delegations.

Our memorial service at the Old South Street Church was solemn and well done. The Ode was read by LT. Robert Durand, a Purple Heart Veteran and friend. What an honor to have my name included in that Ode. I was taken back emotionally as we read the names of our departed, some of which I knew well.

Past Captain George Morrison, my Chief of Staff walked me back to the hotel and reviewed the day's operations. Time now for another tradition, hot dogs and beer at the hotel with hot and tired marchers.

A visit to the Lafayette Sergeant's suite was fruitful and refreshing. This group of fine men conducted themselves brilliantly at Sunday rehearsal on the Boston Common. I have had the privilege of coordinating and working with 1st Sergeant Michael Douglas to organize this group. The early meetings have paid off as they have pleased the entire company. Only one negative comment from the Ancients gallery, "please cut the ham in smaller pieces".

The suite carried on with food, drink and comical entertainment, a good time was had by all except the hired comedian. We have now officially become the Ancient's Training Academy of Comedian Stamina.

The comedian was a brother mason and very funny but was strongly overshadowed by loud voices and moving patrons throughout the suite. We now have a test center for defensive tactics during comical performances.

Monday evening, 1800 hours, time to formally dress, meet our VIP's and proceed to the banquet. A rousing round of applause for each Head Table guest when introduced. My heart was filled with joy and relief when I was called and the room stood applauding with shouts of Hazzah. I officially took my place, stage left of CC Tim Haraden. Toasts, speeches and awards consumed the evening. It was now time for my speech and I was ready. I did follow my script, a few casual drifts but on course and successful. A quick photo of masons present in the hall, some hearty handshakes, then upstairs to the Sergeant's suite. A well organized 50/50 raffle followed by a well stocked raffle table drawing concluded my evening. Another fine and memorable June Day in the history books.

Friday 7 June 2024

Funeral Sergeant Louis P. Piacentini, Born 29 June 1949, Passed on 30 May 2024 (74 years old)

Regular Member of AHAC DOE 5 April 2004

A funeral was held with Ancients acting as an Honor Guard. I was proud to lead the company on my first funeral as Captain Commanding. Dr. Louis Piacentini, son of Sergeant Louis is a member of my staff, Pharmacy Officer.

Saturday 8 June 2024

Gaspee Day Parade

Colonel Ron Barnes, Commander of The Pawtuxet Rangers, hosted the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company in its first parade of my command year. Following a 0600 arrival at the encampment, Colonel Barnes conducted a private tour of the Pawtuxet Armory followed by a light breakfast. Twelve Ancients formed up for the parade and marched among thousands of spectators. What a glorious parade and proud that day to be in command. BG Driscoll acted as Adjutant, Sergeant Tim West, Color Guard ANCOIC held our Ancients flag, Lafayette Sergeants Douglas and Steele carried the banner and we marched two miles. The encampment on the water was beautiful as we drank a private stock of Artillery Ale and dined on hot dogs and homemade cookies. The highlight of the day and quite an honor, firing the 3lb cannon across the water. Every Ancient present received that honor and what a memory. I also made an effort to communicate with the Newport Artillery who possess the Paul Revere cannons.

Formally, prior to the Devalou alleged incident in which I was JAG Officer, along with JAG's O'Grady, Hauck, Cullen, the Newport Artillery, in which Ancient bonds were strong, sadly were forced to remain in Rhode Island. I wish to re-establish this relationship and strengthen the Centennial Legion bonds. I also know our Right of Descent members are a great resource to the company and require attention. I intend to work on this throughout my year.

Sunday 9 June 2024

A scheduled meeting is set for Tuesday 18 June 2024 with the Marriott Courtyard Boston and Club Royale. I have requested an informal team to be present at that meeting to fulfill my campaign promise to be transparent and open with communication. The ongoing June Day hotel situation perhaps is resolved. I have accurate hotel costs in a line item budget prepared for the FinCom and just need a visual affirmation. Invited team members, BG Joseph Milano PC, Captain George Morrison PC, Captain Robert Imlach PC, Captain Gerard McCarthy PC, LT. Ralph Kane SL 50 Member. I of course have communicated with the Marriott Quincy and wish to maintain a good relationship. I will keep this proposal alive until we have Boston confirmation.

Monday 10 June 2024

In preparation for my first command year I arrived at the armory at 1400. Several documents were requested of the Executive Secretary, copy of SOP, Standing Committee, general meeting agendas. Several changes to the order of reports and ceremony were made. Lesson learned for future Captain's, make sure you are satisfied completely with final draft. Hand scribbling and drawing lines and arrows only confuses your time at the microphone. It is not easy standing in front of the company running a meeting in fast precise movement and not understanding your meeting agenda. Another lesson, make sure you quietly communicate with your Adjutant and completely unite in meeting order and movement. Being the first meeting and not having much time to coordinate, not properly communicating and assuming is dangerous. Communicate and playback to make sure all parties understand your orders. Let's go back to 1400 hours and my preparations. During CC Tim Haraden's year, I had a firsthand view of the Captain's quarters and locker room. A filthy dusty room cluttered with old discarded pamphlets, paper products, hangers, old soap and drinking glasses. The lockers were filthy and unused. I knew I would have only one year of command and wanted to take ownership. With dustpan and broom, paper towels and trashcan, I cleaned. During June Day I stressed to my officers the need to utilize our one- year occupation of the Captain's Quarters. I did the same with the Lafayette Sergeants. You have been elected and given a large Sergeants room. Filthy and underused, loaded with clutter of sergeant groups past, clean it, make it yours. The First Sergeant has assured me this will happen. My first Standing Committee went well as arriving staff sat at their positions and carefully examined their gifts presented by me. I prepared month's prior a monogrammed note pad with pen, company members directory and Captain's coin. Based on information from prior Standing Committee meetings, I assembled an agenda of hot topics needing discussion. I asked all chairs of committees to attend this one -time full gathering. Rabbi Colonel Bazer blessed the group and we began company business. The most notable agenda items, Dues collection, Website Design Fix, Liability of sitting Captains regarding company expenses, status of c.33 MGL Organized Militia, future June Day locations.

Standing Committee adjourned, LT. Stephen Coan delivered my dinner to the Captains Quarters. From past experience, if I leave the quarters, walk downstairs and no time to dine. Many folks want to

congratulate, staff need answers, general miscommunications need clarification etc. No dinner, stressful last minute uniform adjustment and positioning for the start of the meeting.

Another lesson to be learned, Captains have no time to be coordinating a Staff Officers duties just prior to a meeting. The biggest and most embarrassing moment occurs when candidates are missing, your Training Officer is unprepared and your Personnel Adjutant has no answer. From this moment forward, the Personnel Adjutant is in charge of all incoming personnel and the collection of applications. Until he gives the green light, no interview, vote or swearing in.

Now let's talk about proud moments and the highlights of my first command meeting. As I heard the first bugle call I stood proudly on the first stair awaiting our Adjutants announcement. Ladies and Gentlemen, the 316th Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, Major Michael Andrew Fish. Bagpipes sounding, rendering my hand salute, I proudly marched the center isle as cheers and handclapping awoke my emotions and thoughts of how long I have waited for this moment. I positioned myself behind the microphone, opened the meeting, military protocols and so it began. The meeting went well with only a glitch in tracking our candidate to be sworn in, our Training Sergeant and a timing issue with voting on a candidate and lag time in between. I have addressed the issue as we move forward. Please refer back to our Personnel Adjutant and his duties.

Colonel Lawrence Willwerth, now Quartermaster Emeritus was suprized with a framed picture to be placed in the museum. Outgoing Captain Tim Haraden's picture was retired and replaced with my portrait in the Captains Quarters. I was so busy I forgot to look upstairs following the meeting.

Outgoing Captain's FFDTD British flag was retired and replaced with the State of Louisiana flag.

Having concluded a historical presentation to the City of Boston Representatives, Commissioner of Veteran Affairs, Robert Santiago and City Councilor Erin Murphy in which we paid tribute to a 1903 Liberty Bell escort, I concluded the meeting. An After Action report came from my Chief of Staff, I received a 9 out of 10.

Wednesday 12 June 2024

The Ancients 10 of Us Club held its annual meeting in Marlboro, MA at the Marlboro Rod and Gun Club. I drove two hours in traffic eventually arriving on time. I was prepared with my recently recovered rosters which were accidentally left at the June Day hotel and my Captains challenge coins. George Morrison arrived just after me and we walked together into a very enthusiastic crowd. The theme of the night, Brazilian Steakhouse night. Good drink, good food, interesting Rio style drumline and dancers followed a round of speeches. I was a little longwinded but need to sell my FFDTD and cruise. The event was fun and upbeat but as usual one mistake causes havoc in my mind. Dr. Bradbury was rightfully upset with my roster, as my appointed company surgeon, his name was not in my roster. Lesson learned, many eyes editing documents will prevent mistakes.

Thursday 13 June 2024

Many phone calls and answering emails regarding our software problems. The executive Secretary has brought a longtime problem back to crisis mode. I have listened to this problem year after year at the Standing Committee meetings. Overload on our company software system prevents information flow,

members are not receiving important event notices. Past Commander, Captain Dennis O'Brien has been working on this problem and presented a solution. I have told the company my command year is loaded with events and efficient email and company notice is required. As of now our system is failing and the solution is not working. Dennis and the Exec Sec. hopefully will fix this problem. Meanwhile a major 250th Anniversary event will occur on Monday at the Bunker Hill Monument. The Ancients have been tasked with Honor Guard duties with the Governor and Grand Master of Massachusetts. My chairman LT. John Mitchell, an amazing man with hypersonic drive continues to create masterpieces. I have taken on several key events, promising the Ancients would take the lead. The oldest chartered military company in the United States must continue its leadership and follow its motto, Facta Non Verba, Deeds Not Words. The Governor has requested of me an important assignment. Former Federal Judge Zobel, a resident of Charlestown, MA. must be escorted to the ceremony. I have coordinated a police escort in conjunction with my aide LT. Stephen Coan to safely deliver Judge Zobel.

Friday 14 June 2024

Again a problem of the company has risen its ugly head, communication. To be more precise, how does an 800 member military company, headquartered in Faneuil Hall, with an extensive collection of museum pieces, artwork and library who's value cannot be determined, function cohesively with faulty internet.

As customary our Executive Secretary via email sends the company notice by 1600 hours every Friday, not today. During the course of these last two years, according to the Exec. Sec. and Webmaster, Past Captain Commanding Dennis O'Brien we have low bandwidth, low memory and as we are headquartered in a historical building, Comcast has difficulty correcting the problem. The buck stops here, I will not "kick the can down the road". In any major operation, loss of communication means disaster. I took the following actions "for the good of the company". I emailed the Exec. Sec. Webmaster, Finance Committee, Paymaster and my Chief of Staff. As of Monday, Comcast will be contacted, made aware and insisted upon an emergency response. Whatever budget the FinCom and Paymaster choose, get this problem corrected. I have begun my command year in high gear and need to communicate. I made a decision on Friday which did not sit well with certain traditional Ancient's but had to be done. The Lafayette Sergeants group has members with exceptional computer skills. Their communication network with the company far exceeds the armory, for now. I requested the Battle of Bunker Hill Event be sent out on my behalf.

Monday 17 June 2024

249th Commemoration, Battle of Bunker Hill

What a beautiful morning, coffee, Hingham ferry service to Boston, a check on the armory situation with the Exec. Sec. and finally seeing my portrait on the wall in the Captain's Quarters. Not that I have an inflated ego, I do not, but exciting just the same. Well, Time to head to the Union Oyster House where my Aids to the Captain are waiting to escort. I communicated with BG Driscoll, Company Adjutant and LT. John Mitchell regarding Logistics and operational needs. My aid drove us to the A-15 Boston Police Station, Charlestown where Sergeant Joseph Harris, Retired Boston Police Superintendent was waiting with our police escort. The troops were in place along with Masons, active and historic military commands and many founders and patriots of this great nation. I greeted the organizers and religious leaders of the day's event. The Grand Master of Masons, Most Worshipful George Forest Hamilton was

present with a large assembly of his team, Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire 316th Captain Commanding was assembled with his team and the memorial service began. Both myself and the Grand Master were side by side throughout the church service. What an honor to hear the command, Present Arms and see all military present render a salute to myself and the Grand Master. Again, I have no inflated ego, but, how can you not!

A parade was formed, led by the Sons of the American Revolution and we proceeded to the cemetery for a wreath laying, military honors and speeches. As the Grand Master and myself presented the wreath, musket fire and Taps sounded. The Grand Master spoke first and I followed with a quick speech.

I am Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire, 316th Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, chartered in 1638. I am honored to be here on Bunker Hill. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company has served in every battlefield from Bunker Hill to Yorktown, War of 1812, Civil War, both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, its members still serve at home and abroad. The Ancients on this Bunker Hill battlefield fortified this hill in the heat of battle. A notable member of our company Major William Dawes, once Second Sergeant, then attaining the rank of Major, ultimately following the war became our company clerk. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company are proud to be the official Honor Guard to the Governor of Massachusetts. We are proud to carry on those duties. Our motto, Facta Non Verba, Deeds Not Words, God Bless America.

A parade was reformed and proceeded to the Bunker Hill Monument where I was escorted to the stage and sat with many distinguished guests. Most notable was the head of the National Park Service, Mr. Abbot, Consular General to Britain and of course, the Governor. I was privileged to see my Aids, Steven Decorta and Stephen Coan sitting in the front row providing escort to Federal Judge Zobel. My third Aid, LT. Wilson Wong kept me apprised of the troops movements. As a favor and request of the Governor, we provided escort and what an honor to meet this fine lady.

A long waiting period prior to the arrival of the Governor allowed me a moment to address the troops at the stairs leading up to the monument. I later was told my words were well received.

A gathering of Ancients and other supporters gathered for a photograph taken by our company PAO and close friend, LT. Barton Hyte. I have placed a priority on Public Affairs and community outreach this year. As the 250th Anniversary of this country approaches the Ancients must leave their historical footprint.

The conclusion to most successful events seems to end with cold libation. The troops gathered at Warren Tavern and enjoyed. I was not able to attend and proceeded by ferry back to Hingham. Tuesday morning starts another day of Ancient organizing. Command Staff and a selected group of senior Ancients will gather at the Boston Marriott Courtyard, 275 Tremont Street for a June Day site inspection.

I am pleased to report, June Day 2025 at the Boston Marriott Courtyard and Club Royale, 275 Tremont St. Boston received a unanimous yes. I will await the proposals from both venues. Tuesday evening following the June Day hotel site inspection I received a call from Bob Santiago, Commissioner of Veteran Affairs, City of Boston. I have known Bob for several years and developed a nice relationship. My being a cop in the city for almost forty years and my relationship with the city strengthens my desire to maintain a strong bond. I understand the dynamics of politics and its change in leadership. I struggle sometimes with political disagreements but have to put aside my personal views for the "good of the company". With Bob its different, his veteran background and his ability to get things done for veterans

is exceptional. When meeting with both Bob and Boston City Counselor Ed Flynn, former Mayor Ray Flynn's son, we hit the road hard and get things done. I have a nice relationship and when roadblocks or red tape get in the way, I have direct access. Another great person is City Counselor Erin Murphy who seems to understand and respect our company. I enjoy inviting all of them to be involved and partake in our events. Bob has hesitated in the past to join our company. He has been asked several times by Captain Nick Schiarizzi, PC and Captain Tim Haraden, PC to no avail. I personally have asked Bob to join our ranks when possible but be active and come to all our meetings and events. July 4th is a great day for the company. Every year a large city parade, memorial service for our patriots and reading of the Declaration of Independence by our Captain Commanding. This year I am proud to be the second American Jew, BG Stuart Tauber PC, may he rest in peace, was the first. Following the parade, crowds gather back at Faneuil Hall in the Great Hall for a ceremony. Due to ongoing renovations, not this year. My phone conversation with Bob Santiago was a gesture from the company to use our Armory for this after parade ceremony. The Mayor and city officials celebrate with speeches and Patriotic music. Following the ceremony, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company swears in new members. We have two candidates, a West Point Major and active Air Force Colonel to be sworn in. Bob in our conversation announced his interests in joining the company and being sworn in on the 4th of July. Not letting my Captain Commanding position go to my head, but it did, I told him I would make it happen. To be fair to my Membership Committee and following the company rules, I will attempt to set up a Zoom interview. I await a couple of available dates from Bob Santiago.

As Captain Commanding, every day is a new adventure with events constantly being added to your calendar. What was a free day, is now full of conflicting events. Friday is one of those days. Massachusetts Maritime Academy is a regular scheduled award presentation to two worthy cadets. I, being dedicated to maintaining a strong military bond with the academies accepted personally the invitation. Days later I received an invitation to the USS Constitution, Change of Command. Our bond with both the Skipper and crew is significant. I accepted along with my Chief of Staff for a noontime ceremony. I planned on immediately leaving and heading to the cape for the MMA award dinner.

How about those world champion, Boston Celtics. Boston is the home to many championship titles and now another victory. Of course with every world championship comes a massive celebratory parade. Of course, Friday at 10:00 AM in the heart of the city in the path of Charlestown, home of the USS Constitution. I have decided to let my Chief of Staff represent me in Boston, I will attend to the MMA award dinner. Unfortunately even the Chief of Staff was unable to maneuver the city. BG Driscoll did attend and provide an update. The General reported great event but be thankful you did not attempt to drive into the city.

On Friday 21 June at 1100 hours I began my journey to Buzzards Bay to attend the Massachusetts Military Academy Awards Ceremony. I arrived early and enjoyed a seafood lunch and afternoon cocktail. I reported at 1630 hours, had great conversation with fellow award presenters. I was proud to award two notable awards to outstanding cadets. I was pleased to coin LT. Brett Henry's son, a graduate, Magna Cum Laude and off to his Naval career.

Following a busy weekend preparing for Newport Polo next Saturday, I followed up with ticket issues and a letter clarifying the parade orders for attendees at Newport. I am hopeful all problems have been corrected and we can have a successful event. I have planned this for years and hope other Captain's will continue this event.

Wednesday 26 June 2024

Following an email sent from the Military Museum and Library Committee Chairman, LT. Michael Haran, I initiated a follow-up investigation. Meet Boston has requested permission to videotape our Armory in order to promote the Ancients on Social Media. I believe this video is aligned with my goals to increase the public affairs of our company. I now await a return phone call to confirm. This morning a Madeline Petrick of Gretna Nebraska, a Boston University summer student interviewed me on the cell phone. I was pleased to share a historical perspective and Captain Commanding's view regarding the 4 July reading of the Declaration of Independence from the balcony of the Old State House. I believe our High School and college level students must understand actual American history.

Meet Boston with the help of BG Milano PC returned my call and coordinated a visit to our Armory on Thursday 27 June 2024 at 1130 hours. I sent out a notice to the Command Staff regarding my authorization for the tour and a thank you to BG Milano PC. I will be present in the Armory for the tour.

Wednesday evening at the Hyatt, Logan Airport, myself and 2nd LT. Robert Collins attended the Canada Day celebration as guests of the Canadian Consular General. I have developed a friendship with Mathew Wong, Public Affairs Director, Canadian Consulate and naturally invitations flow. What a delight, the Consular General is of Scottish descent and a Campbell, as a Hay we had a lot to discuss. Many other Consular Generals, politicians, dignitaries and staff were present. The evening was a success and I believe enhances the Ancient contacts with foreign diplomats.

Saturday 29 June 2024

Finally, the day I have been planning for several years has arrived. Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company Day at Newport Polo. The weather was perfect for the first family, significant other Summer event. Presentation of colors and opening ceremony at Newport Polo, what an honor. I chose the Independence Cup as a perfect preliminary ceremonial celebration and patriotic pre Fourth of July family gathering. Aggie and Dan, owners of Newport Polo have become friends of the company through George King and myself. We have visited on many occasions and massaged this now successful event. The troops took the field accompanied by a decorated WWII veteran and a representative of the French Government. Colors and National Anthem were followed by speeches and an official coin toss. Prior to taking the field a video of the Ancients Fourth of July parade and reading of the DOI were broadcast on the Jumbo Tron. Following the ceremonies our company was presented with a buffet of fine foods prepared by Chef Nick Schiarizzi AKA Captain Nick Schiarizzi PC. The Lafayette Sergeants amazed the group with an open bar, full service.

Monday 1 July 2024

The company is sad to report the loss of SGM James Weydt. A wake was held on Monday and a funeral service on Tuesday 2 July 2024 in Weymouth. SGM Weydt entered the company 14 May 2001 and passed on Friday 28 June 2024, a Regular Member. As a last request of James and because he was a dedicated member of the company, and friend, coordinating all church services, I granted his request. On 3 June 2024, let the company records reflect, James Weydt was promoted to Sergeant Major.

Ongoing preparations are now my focus regarding the Fourth of July ceremonies. Every day since April 2024, I practice reading from a prepared binder given to me by Captain Haraden PC following his reading. I will tell all incoming Captain Commanders, prepare, practice and be ready, you are performing

in front of a large, live audience. I suggest you just read the document as written, learn the language and abbreviations. Once you are comfortable with the basic script, focus on annunciation, dramatic climaxes, dramatic pauses. I followed the suggestions of SGM James Weydt, may he rest in peace as he passed this week, a great friend and company member. The day has arrived and I am ready as I drove to the Union Oyster House at 0600.

Thursday 4 July 2024

The weather was made for a great patriotic parade and ceremony. The Divine Providence as written in the Declaration wrapped his mighty arms around us and blessed us. Breakfast was delicious, as usual. BG Joseph Milano PC and the Union Oyster House always provide and fortify our company. As usual I was dragged in many directions fixing and coordinating the day's operations. Trying to eat coffee cake or sip coffee was an impossible task. Another tip for the Captain Commanding, grab your food, find a quiet place and eat, then schmooze. At 0745 I opened up a Special Purpose Meeting in order to conduct an election. Navy veteran and current Commissioner of Veteran Affairs, City of Boston, Robert Santiago was to be voted upon. At 0810 the ballot was declared closed and Robert Santiago was voted favorably upon. First call was blown by LT. Robert Bean, company Bandmaste and troops were instructed to report to City Hall Plaza. The opening ceremony was in typical patriotic fashion with many military historical units and active military present. Naval Fleet Week always adds exceptional naval personnel to the parade. The parade was formed and the troops stepped off. Granary Burial Ground is the required first stop for wreath laying ceremonies and Taps. The parade then steps off, moves through the Downtown Crossing and ends at the Old State House. In typical fashion I rush to the Men's Room to check my uniform and you know. This year both my Lieutenant's followed suit. What a nice presentation to enter upstairs as a unified command staff. I stood, binder and reading glasses in hand, my aids, LT. Stephen Coan and Wilson Wong by my side. I must acknowledge my third aid LT. Stephen Dacorta, a brother Police Officer handling the logistics and coordination below the balcony, street level. Boston Police barricades and crowd control are a must. A note for Captain Commanding's, make sure you assign personnel to coordinate with Boston Police and clear a route back to Faneuil Hall. Another area of concern is your exit from the balcony. Make sure your personnel clear a path from the outside exit door to the barricaded area below the balcony. My final suggestion and most important, Remind the troops, no one leaves the Old State House until the Captain Commanding takes his position in front and the Adjutant orders a step off. Why I say this and it did detract from the exceptional day, the Red Boards and Color Guard were at Faneuil Hall before I even left the Old State House. Myself and the Past Commanders along with the Zarba Band and Navy reformed the parade and stepped off. Upon entering Faneuil Hall plaza on the wrong side and improperly positioned, I could not retire the colors in military fashion. While I am in a complaining mood, let me talk about Drill and Ceremony. Incoming Captain's should pay careful attention to your Sergeant Major and Wing Adjutant's. Our company has a bad habit of talking in the ranks, being out of step, waiving and taking pictures while in formation. This practice must stop. We are representing all most 400 years of service as a military company. What perception does the viewing public have of the oldest chartered military company in the United States. As Captain Commanding you cannot see this as you are leading the troops. I have been alerted to this bad practice and will make every effort to correct. Deep breath and back to my standing and waiting to be announced on the balcony. I will say I was not nervous, instead I was energized and ready. My focus was on Thomas Crafts, how would he present a warrant of death and destruction if the war were lost. How would he convince the citizens of this nation, separation from an evil empire is the only solution. What

evidence would he present and how convincing. I listened carefully to Mayor Woo's speech and heard my introduction. I stood out on the balcony looking at the thousands of spectators, I felt I was on stage at Carnegie Hall. I took a deep breath, positioned the musical stand and microphone. The one line in my opening remarks regarding my being a proud American Jew came and without hesitation I received loud cheers and welcoming shouts of support. I paused and waived as I felt, we can overcome this raging antisemitism. My recitation of the Declaration of Independence was well received by both spectators and the company. Following a disappointing retirement of colors, not the fault of the SGM or Color Guard, we proceeded upstairs into the Armory for a swearing in ceremony and lunch. Three very significant personnel were sworn in, a few remarks by me, a roll call of Past Commanders and finally, lunch was served. A delicious feast by LT. Brett Henry, Commissary Officer was served as I opened up the Captain's Quarters for all to share.

Now that my biggest public appearance ended, time to move on to upcoming events, most notable, my Fall Field Day Tour of Duty to New Orleans. My ongoing negotiations with the Bourbon Orleans Hotel has been a thorn in my side. I missed the date to adjust room consumption and the hotel insists on contract terms, namely double the amount needed. With only 40 to 45 travelling and the hotel digging in their heels, LT. Phil Nassralla, JAG has stepped in to assist in the negotiation. The hotel has begun listening and attempting to make the contract more favorable and fair. No matter the outcome, the FFDTD will be spectacular. Another side note on rebuilding company traditions. Directly after the 4 July parade in which half the company left the Old Statehouse without the Command Staff. This created a situation where our retirement of colors was impossible and in the wrong location. I was reminded by several Ancient's, no big deal, great day. My DNA does not accept this easy resolve to a needed fix. Yes, it was a great day, but I like strong finishes. With my taking full responsibility in a thank you letter to the company I made a stern but gentle message about members, their uniforms and public display. I believe I may have a solution and will begin the process.

Tuesday 9 July 2024, USS Massachusetts Commissioning Speakers Event

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts hosted the second speaker series event in our Armory. A combined effort by both AHAC and Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Masons, hosted Chairman Dinis Pimentel, Admiral John Richardson (USN Ret.) 31st Chief of Naval Operations, Mark and Karen Henneberger, Naval Reactor Directors on a very informative question and answer session. A VIP reception was held with food and beverage prior to the session. In military fashion, BG Driscoll lined up the dignitaries on the Captain Quarters stairs and announced their presence. The Armory was packed and everyone thoroughly enjoyed touring our museum and library while eating, drinking and schmoozing. Then finally was the group photo, presentation of gifts which included the $10,000.00 donation from the Ancient's. Our company has taken a leading role in the commissioning of this Virginia Fast Attack Nuclear Submarine scheduled for April 2025. Another great day and much needed public relations to promote our company.

Day to day operations of the company are smooth as I negotiate the June Day 2025 contracts. I must focus on preparing and continually monitoring activity as Summertime meeting schedules are spaced out monthly. These long spaced meetings create communication gaps that may cause lost or misguided information. Another helpful hint for future Captain Commanders, utilize and communicate with your Personnel Adjutant. Now that we have caught up and corrected any deficiencies, your Personnel Adjutant is key to a successful year. I have just finished sending both Standing Committee and General

Meeting points to the PA. I am sure more notifications will be added but early and often communication will prevent error.

Friday 12 July 2025

Both my Chief of Staff, Captain George Morrison PC and myself attended the 25th Marine Regiment, Change of Command ceremony located at Fort Devens. Colonel Smith, Commander of the Regiment invited the Ancient's to attend his Change of Command. What a great honor to meet the Colonel's replacement and watch the Marines march in precision. Both Drill and Ceremony and call of commands added to the ceremony. It was a pleasure to see Lieutenant General Anderson, USMC Reserve Commander US/Southern Command. He was familiar with the Ancients as he is from Weymouth. We met at the Marine Corps birthday in Boston last year. I invited all to attend June Day 2025 and any other Ancients meetings and events. Another plus to the day was the 25th Marine Corp Band who performed at the Change of Command. This is the New Orleans based band I have been trying to contact for the FFDTD with no success. I had a lively conversation about the trip, our needs, my wife's family and unexpectedly law school. Two of the band members will be applying to Law School under the new Marine Corps JAG Program. I properly coined and distributed my business cards for future contact.

Saturday 13 July 2024

As I am in constant search for new and interesting adventures for the Ancients and for my love of polo, I attended the Myopia Hunt Club Ball. Cpl. George King my trusted liaison to both cultural and political circles, organized this event. George's thoughts were both from a financial and fun position, Ancients can gather with their ladies in an elegant, fun setting at a lower cost. By mixing both Newport and Myopia Polo we can establish a permanent annual event. The evening was elegant and absolutely successful with many opportunities to exchange information and network. Whenever I can find a time and a place to wear my kilt, you can bet, I will be there.

Now back to reality, fixing and organizing our FFDTD to New Orleans. With many venues and events being organized a constant watch over contract dates and down payments must be carefully acted upon. I will not make the same mistake twice, namely, hotel rooms and occupancy deadlines which I missed. I still struggle with my Travel Officer/Travel Agent responsibilities, who is ultimately responsible? The Captain Commanding who is dealing voluntary with many components to his command year or the paid agent responsible for the FFDTD plans. I will gracefully accept my responsibility as commander, the buck stops with me. I say it again, future Captain Commanders beware, pay strict attention to all contracts. Moving onto another two company deaths and a golf tournament.

Tuesday 23 July 2024 – Ancient and Honorable Artillery Golf Day

An early morning breakfast provided by the Lafayette Sergeants, LTC David Graham firing the canon to signal the start of yet another Ancient's Golf Day, yours truly initiated the putting competition. The Lafayette Sergeants with great success provided a grand day of golf, food, drink and cigars. With all present sitting for a late day lunch and awards ceremony, I spoke on many subjects and thanked the Sergeants, golf participants. I took the time to sell the FFDTD and Captains Cruise. The Membership Committee team made every effort to show off the company comradery to our visitors and I believe it

will pay off. I personally shared many a tale with our visiting Massachusetts State Police delegation. Another great Sergeants event in the books with nothing but high praise from the troops.

Friday 26 July 2024

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company attended the wake and funeral of Captain Kevin P. Joyce in West Roxbury. Kevin was new to the company but a good friend to several Norwich Grad members. Captain Kevin P Joyce served in the 25th ID as an Airborne Ranger, stationed in Hawaii he founded the Norwich Academy American Legion Post. The Ancients performed their Honor Guard duties and represented the company in strong fashion. While driving back to AHAC satellite HQ Hull, I was perplexed and quite disturbed by confusion regarding the Lafayette 200 event scheduled for 24 August. What has become a one organization responsibility but shared event has suffered mission creep. Fielding several phone calls between Grand Lodge and my AHAC chairman, I think we have reached the same conclusion, 1. This is an Ancient's event 2. LT. John Mitchell is the chairman and speaks on my behalf 3. Any excess expenditures brought on by mission creep are masonic budget items, not Ancients.

Tuesday 30 July 2024

The ongoing negotiations with the Bourbon Orleans Hotel regarding excess rooms and mitigation have prompted several FinCom meetings. I am attempting to cut expenditures on the FFDTD as well as cuts from the annual budget. I think so far I can feel relieved in both I have found areas to cut costs and the reassurance of support from the FinCom. Today I am meeting with LT. Shervin Hawley, Travel Officer, to pin down specific venue contracts and finalize FFDTD operations. I also am working to submit an accurate breakdown of costs and a final dollar number for the FinCom meeting on Monday morning. I will tell you both Shervin and I have spent a most successful day locking down FFDTD venues. As one door opens, two more exciting doors unexpectedly open. I am very pleased and excited about our upcoming FFDTD.

Today marks a sad day in my command year. It is hard to say goodbye to a friend. Ambassador Meron Rueben, Consular General to Israel is leaving on Thursday after a tour as CG to New England. I met Meron five years ago while organizing my Israel FFDTD. We have become great friends and worked on several projects not related to the Ancients. The Jewish War Veterans program which I chaired these last few years has welcomed both Meron and the Ancients. Meron will take a post back in Israel and with the grace of G-D the Ancients will travel and conduct my original scheduled trip in the future. I privately met with Meron and his security staff, presented the Captain Robert Keane statue and gave my official and personal goodbye.

Wednesday 31 July 2024

The Marshfield Fairgrounds hosted the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company's 10 of Us Club. The organizers of our annual clambake conducted a phenomenal event. Food drink and conversation amongst 100 members and guests. Many folks provided exceptional drawing prizes, formally raffle prizes but as we are forced to utilize politically correct language in Massachusetts, oh well! As usual I am a man of few words, just a joke, I was relieved of the microphone after violating the "two minute" rule. Another Summer of Ancient's lobster fest ended with full belly and lots of tales to tell.

Monday 5 August 2024

Meeting day is always hectic as the Captain commanding has to coordinate the agenda and speaker list. Summertime long breaks between meetings creates a challenge especially with funeral reports, special events and incoming personnel. Mixed into the challenge is the ongoing June Day and FFDTD contracts and negotiations. I started out my morning coordinating with the Personnel Adjutant, Company Adjutant, Executive Secretary and Fin Com via Zoom. Following confirmation from my Chief of Staff, George Morrison, I felt comfortable and headed to the Hingham Ferry at 1400 hours ready for a long afternoon. The museum was full of visitors as I headed up to the Captain's Quarters to prepare. I laid out my agenda and met with the Exec Sec to confirm both the Standing Committee and General Meeting agenda. Our Quartermaster was in early conducting inventory and ready to prepare for upcoming events. Both meetings went well with one controversy regarding proper uniform wear, which I will speak about at the Society of Past Commanders dinner. The meeting ended about 2030 hours and I headed back to the ferry for a beautiful Boston Harbor cruise to Hingham.

Wednesday 7 August 2024

Last minute notification of two events created a bit of a schedule conflict. The Governor requested through her Military Aide BG Joseph Milano the Ancients presence at the signing of the Hero's Act in Lexington, MA. Twenty Ancients attended the ceremony. On Thursday 8 August 2024. At the same time the Command Staff of the Massachusetts National Guard was briefed on events at Normandy and the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company's presentation by Captain Paul J Mahoney PC to the people of Belleau. On 12 October 1996 on the FFDTD a plaque was dedicated to the memory of WWI and WWII Veterans was placed on the YD Memorial Church. I have suggested and intend to send out in the company notice a brief history of Captain Mahoney's presentation and video of the Command Staff presentation. On another side note, I have authorized the wearing of the full medal on the Ancient's uniform during the Lafayette 200 ceremony.

Saturday 10 August 2024

2024 National Fife & Drum Muster, hosted by the Kentish Guards and Pawtuxet Rangers celebrating 250 years. This year it was an honor to represent the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company at Ft. Adams in Newport Rhode Island and the 250th Anniversary of the two Rhode Island Militias and their annual muster of Fife & Drum. Many notable corps. played a part in a musical military day. I was escorted under the VIP tent with my wife. Also present, Gov. Dan McKee, US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, RI Sec. of State Gregg Amore, Newport Mayor Xay, US Sec. of the Army, MG Christopher Callahan. Captain George Morrison PC, Captain Daniel May, PC and a few distinguished Ancient's joined me under the tent.

Many fine Fife & Drum Corps. paraded and performed and on occasion, VIP's presented Battle Streamers. I was honored to present such a streamer to a distinguished Corp. named for the fort and present at every muster since its founding. Our candidate for Second Lieutenant, Col. Ronald Barnes was in command of this muster and should be commended. A great day was had by all.

The second leg of the day took us to Newport Polo for an afternoon of great Ancient conversation and extremely hard played and exciting polo. Palm Beach verse Newport Polo a reported tough rivalry with expected close points. Cpl. George King, SGM Michael Drummey a potential future candidate and your Captain Commanding were recognized by the announcer with one follow-up question, Where's Woody?

Another great Ancient's adventure in the books.

Work continues into the planning of June Day 2025. The contracts have been signed and approved by the Finance Committee. The hotel has graciously offered another year with the 2024 rates to be applied. I have forwarded this offer to the incoming Captain Commanding and the FinCom and await their pleasure. Another initiative now ready to be announced is the Captains cruise. This year's cruise is a repeat of Tim Haraden's cruise in 2024 only with three new ports, ST Kitts, Tortola and Dominican Republic. The Celebrity Apex is a fine ship and I expect a favorable response.

Friday 23 August 2024, Lafayette arrival at the Shirley/Eustis House

Many months of planning and two years of anticipation and organizing have yielded a meaningful and memorable program to celebrate the Lafayette 200 Year anniversary visit to the 24 United States. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company is the event host while the Massachusetts Masons are sharing as partners the weekend events. About twelve Ancients, The Aleppo Shriner Minutemen armed with muskets, Lafayette American Committee, descendants of Lafayette, historical societies and many special guests gathered to greet MG Lafayette's arrival in Boston. The Ancients and Masons were the official military greeting party when he arrived. Captain Commanding Fish greeted MG Marquis De Lafayette with an exchange of formalities, presented him to the guests present, conducted a speaker's sequence and concluded with military honors.

Captain Commanding Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire speech

I am honored to be present at this historic house built by William Shirley, Royal Governor of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, to welcome Major General Marquis De Lafayette after a long journey back to these United States. As Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts and on behalf of the United States military, the American people, a hearty and loving welcome. Stand by for the firing of muskets by the Aleppo Shriners Minutemen, under the command of Captain John Wilder. A small cocktail party concluded the night.

Saturday 24 August 2024, Lafayette 200

0600 hours began a day that will be remembered by all Ancients present and future. The 200th anniversary of the historical visit of Major General Marquis De Lafayette, affectionately known as "The General Lafayette". A precision drill is the way to describe LT. John Mitchell's team and their coordination of events. The VIP staff along with all VIP's proceeded by motor coach to the Shirley Eustis House, Roxbury, MA. For a reception/wakeup Lafayette breakfast. In military fashion we greeted Lafayette and marched to breakfast with musket volley under colors. A group photograph in front of the original carriage transporting Lafayette proceeded by crepes completed the breakfast event. Motor coach transported the VIP's to Charlestown Navy Yard where we proceeded to the Commandant's residence to await the arrival of The General Lafayette. Muskets fired, fife and drums played as Lafayette arrived. Captain Commanding Fish accompanied by the Commander USS Constitution and Grand Master of Masons Massachusetts welcomed Lafayette and introduced the other VIP's. Captain Commanding Fish spoke to the crowd and then escorted General Lafayette into the Commandant's residence for a breakfast reception and multiple speeches. Two buses transported VIP's to Faneuil Hall to prepare for the parade. The Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company Armory hosted all patrons and visiting delegations to breakfast prior to our parade kickoff. The Boston Police cleared the streets at Faneuil Hall while units formed up preparing to march. Captain Commanding Fish accompanying Major General Marquis De Lafayette gave the command to step off. The streets were lined with Patrons

cheering the arrival of Lafayette, "Viva la France", Viva la America", Viva la General Lafayette" were heard from the streets of Boston as we proceeded towards the Lafayette memorial on the Boston Common. The troops under the commands of BG John Driscoll, Military Adjutant formed in front of the memorial as myself and General Lafayette took forward positions to conduct wreath laying ceremonies. My command staff, Lafayette America Committee, Virginie de Pusy La Fayette, a direct descendant and her daughters took positions to receive wreaths. Five wreaths were placed at the memorial. Captain Commanding Fish made a speech and signaled the Aleppo Shriner Minutemen and Sons of the American Revolution muskets to stand by. Company Bugler LT. Robert Bean sounded a French memorial bugle call known as "AUX MORTS", muskets fired and the parade continued onto the Boston Common. Captain Commanding Fish accompanying General Lafayette were welcomed with a 19 Gun salute from the 101st Field Artillery guns positioned on the hill above the reception tent. BG Emory Maddox, MC narrated the event and presented historical accounts of the day, 200 years ago. Captain Commanding Fish and General Lafayette conducted an inspection of the troops proceeded by many speeches and presentations. I was honored to receive an Artillery shell from a longtime friend of the company, former commander of the 101st FA now a BG. I was also presented from LTC USMC Michael Wabrek who accompanied our own BG Enoch "Woody" Woodhouse to Normandy for 2024 ceremonies on D-Day, sand from Normandy, in particular, Omaha Beach. I can only tell you this brought a tear to my eyes. I further received a proclamation from the Connecticut Senate, thanking the Ancient and Honorable for hosting and creating this outstanding event. Many speeches were made this day and all stressed how important the Ancients are to the City of Boston, Commonwealth and nation. I am proud to report, The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts conducted itself in a manner above and beyond the call of duty.

Following the parade, the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts hosted a lunch for all attendees as well as a VIP reception upstairs in Commandrie. Nineteen individuals were knighted into the Odre De Lafayette prior to the VIP reception. Several Ancient's including myself received this honor.

Sunday 25 August 2025 Lafayette at Bunker Hill

At 1130 hours, patrons gathered at the Bunker Hill Memorial to greet General Lafayette. Military honors and speeches were conducted at the base of the monument. General Lafayette spread sand from Normandy at the base of the monument. Captain Commanding Fish spoke to the crowd and made two presentations. The Bunker Hill Association received the Ancient's flag for display in their museum, Virginie de Pusy La Fayette received the Lafayette Sergeant's pin which was the talk of the Lafayette family. Again the Ancients were recognized by event organizers as significant and most historical. VIP's proceeded to the home of Edward Everett for lunch. The following speeches were made by Captain Commanding Fish on Saturday 24 August 2024.

Charlestown Navy Yard

I am honored to be present here in this historic Charlestown Navy Yard in the presence of all these greatful American patriots and allies. We welcome you Major General Marquis De Lafayette with open and thankful arms as Commodore William Bainbridge and Captain Commanding Col. Daniel Gibbens welcomed you in 1824. As Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, the most historical military company in the nation, a hearty and loving welcome.

Wreath Laying Ceremony, Lafayette Memorial, Boston Common

As Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, the oldest chartered military company in the western hemisphere, I call your attention to this significant and solemn memorial event. In Memorium, Gilbert Du Motier, Major General Marquis De Lafayette, the hero of two worlds. A grateful nation remembers and thanks you and all French military personnel who sacrificed in the name of a free nation. Stand by for musket volley by the Aleppo Shriner Minutemen and French military bugle call, "Aux Morts" by Company Bugler, LT. Robert Bean.

Boston Common

I am Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire, 316th Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. The oldest chartered military company in the Western Hemisphere. I am proud to welcome all our visiting dignitaries, politicians, military personnel, masons and visiting public. I am pleased to report the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company recognized how important this 200th Anniversary ceremony to perpetuate both historical and military traditions of this grateful nation. An enormous task of recreating this historic visit to Boston in order to remind our citizens, without MG Marquis De Lafayette and the French fighting forces alongside our brave committed American patriots, we would not be standing here on the Carty Parade Grounds, named after our 246th Captain Commanding in 1954 as Americans. I need to thank several people who committed to this arduous undertaking. Mr. Peter Reilly, Ms. Evie Pless, Gerard Charpentier, PHD, Grand Cross of the Odre De Lafayette, Mrs. Michelle Vlahos, Commander, Odre De Lafayette, MW George Forest Hamilton, Grand Master of Masons, Massachusetts, all members of the Lafayette 200 American Committee. Two years ago I committed my Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company to make Boston a reality, the shining moment during our 250th anniversary of this nations birth. Here we are!! Like a good commander, delegate to the most capable officer and troops. I want to personally thank the following, LT. John Mitchell, Chairman, the most capable of officers and a gentleman. LT. Robert Collins, BG John Driscoll, Captain John Wilder, CMDR Robert Santiago, Commissioner of Veteran Affairs, City of Boston, LT. Richard Kingsboro, Sgt. Steven Michael Yarosh and all those Ancients who dedicated themselves to this project. God bless the memory of Gilbert Du Mottier, Major General Marquis De Lafayette and God Bless this grateful nation.

Now that Lafayette 200 has passed, I must focus on several projects before the FFDTD. I am attempting to call attention to almost 70 gravesites requiring maintenance and recognition issues. My intent is to draw attention to one gravesite and make a statement. These gravesites belong to Congressional Medalof Honor recipients who were not properly buried. I am focusing on John R Fox buried in Whitman, MA. I am beginning with elected State Representatives and hoping this works. I have also given notice to post a large New England Veterans Assistance Expo at Gillette Stadium. We are continuing the collection effort for the two Home for Veterans in Massachusetts chaired by Sgt. Donald Strunk and BG John Driscoll. Preparations for the FFDTD, New York 9/11 event, Shot Heard Around the World are ongoing.

Labor Day weekend is upon us and three events of public affairs and 250th Anniversary of America took place.

Saturday 31 August 2024, Newport Polo British Consular General Escort

Another exceptional day promoting the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. The duties of the current CG of Britain ended and ushered in a new CG and staff. In order to maintain the

necessary relationship of Great Britain and America as it relates to the AHAC and HAC of London our sister company, why not polo to spark the flame. Several Ancients took the field of play at Newport Polo in formation and conducted opening ceremonies. Aggie and Dan, Newport Polo owners are friends of this company as well as the people of Rhode Island. Accompanied by the CG of Britain, a WWII Normandy veteran and several distinguished Ancients, we marched to centerfield met by the two competing polo teams, two national anthems, a coin toss and lots of recognition from the announcers booth, we then proceeded of the field and joined many distinguished Brits for High Tea and Pims. I hope the incoming Captain Commanders continue this strong relationship.

Saturday 31 August 2024, Suffolk Resolves, Lower Mills, Milton, MA.

Representing the CC, I dispatched 1st Lieutenant John Damiano to the 250th Anniversary of the Suffolk Resolves. In 1774, leaders of Suffolk County created a declaration of grievances and strategy for resistance against the British Government. This was a precursor to the Declaration of Independence. It was reported by LT. Damiano that 50 attendees enjoyed the ceremony followed by a light snack.

This event was put together as part of the ongoing 250th Anniversary celebrations.

Sunday 1 September 2024, 250th Anniversary of the Powder Alarm Somerville, MA.

Captain Commanding Fish accompanied by his military aide LT. Stephen Coan stood next to LTC Love, US Army and witnessed the reenactment of the Powder House Alarm. Col. Lawrence Wilwerth, Quartermaster Emeritus of the AHAC and lifelong resident of Somerville takes pride in his community and masterminds both First Flag, 1 January every year and now this historical event. In 1774, General Thomas Gage, newly appointed Military Governor of Massachusetts, ordered the removal of more than 200 half-barrels of gunpowder from the powder house. Basically this was a way to prevent any colonists from rebelling. Alarms of this event spread across New England. Rumors of bloodshed sparked the colonists who took up arms and moved toward Boston. This was the start to organized militias and the term “minutemen”, Concord/Lexington would soon follow. It was an honor to be part of this event. Both our current Quartermaster, LT. Gayle Thomas and LTC Wilwerth were in period dress and did our company great honor.

Tuesday 3 September 2024

A regular meeting of the company was held in the armory at 1930 hours. We conducted military honors for MSGT Gerard Davidson, company piper and bugler. Because no funeral was conducted and none in the foreseeable future I authorized this eulogy. LT. Chuck Fazio, company curator addressed the company. A couple of notable presentations, Col. Willwerth regarding the Somerville Powder Alarm and LT. John Mitchell, Lafayette 200. Captain Commanding Fish presented several gifts presented to him during Lafayette 200, one artillery shell mounted on a base, sand from Normandy Beaches and a history book regarding MG Lafayette. The event invitation and Knights Odre de Lafayette certificate accompanied the book. The company swore in its newest member William Casey. The meeting concluded about 2045 hours.

Sunday 8 September 2024 – Officer Candidate School Commissioning Ceremony

Captain Commanding Fish attended the Class 91 Massachusetts Military Academy, OCS Candidate School Commissioning Ceremony. I was piped aboard the USS Constitution and greeted by the MMA

Staff and given instructions regarding award presentation. Nine very sharp newly sworn Second Lieutenants received their shoulder boards as the attendees proudly watched. I presented $1,000 to the outstanding class officer 2LT Hunter Levielle along with my challenge coin and a brief history of the Ancients. I was accompanied by the CWO, First Corps of Cadets who welcomed him to the Military Police. The LCC, BG Kalin and Col. Lonchiadis thanked the Ancients for their record of support.

Monday 9 September 2024 – Society of Past Commanders Dinner and Meeting

I arrived Monday night about 6:30PM to be greeted by several guests of the Past Commanders. Past Commanders are allowed to invite one guest to demonstrate and strengthen the bond and commitment of the Past Commanders to the company. The guest is treated to a formal introduction and dinner. The customary toasts are made and I answered the Ancient's toast with a short speech. My most intellectual conversation was with LTC Father Michael, our company chaplain regarding masonry and the Catholic faith. I still intend to conduct June Day memorial services at Grand Lodge of Masons.

On Tuesday morning I took the morning Acela train to NYC for 9/11 ceremonies. I met my team for our annual gathering at the memorial. A day of crying and laughter ended. I spoke to Beth Hillman, CEO of the memorial and museum regarding our company visit on Friday 11 October 2024 and June Day as my keynote speaker. I arrived back in Boston Thursday afternoon. My train ride was stressful as I fielded contract deadlines for the FFDTD. My evening was worse as I repeated a contract signing process a half dozen times. The e-signature documents kept timing out requiring contact with the hotel to resend. Between each email was a conversation with Shervin Hawley. I was successful about 7:45PM well beyond the specified 6:00PM CT required contract signing. I completely understand the pressures exerted on the hotel as New Orleans that day completed its hurricane emergency. Unfortunately, this pressure caused me chest pains and a headache.

Friday 13 September 2024 – Private meeting with Second Lieutenant Robert Collins

For the purposes of an After Action Report on the past command year and most important on Lafayette and moving forward I met over dinner in Hull. Hallene, the First Lady and Ellen, Robert's wife socialized while we got down to business. We had a very successful discussion and concluded the evening with a fine cigar. I swill share one very special private moment Bob and I experienced in Israel on my FFDTD exploratory trip in 2023. When two who hold very strong belief in faith, touch the Western Wall in unity and bond at that moment, knowing God is with us, emotions erupt uncontrollably, tears of joy overcame us. Bob reminded me of that moment, we will always share that blessed event.

Saturday 14 September – Bon Voyage Party, Anthony's of Malden

I have been anticipating this event for five years. Israeli music, dancing, singing as we celebrate our return to the holy land. As we know my Holy Land Sergeant's became Lafayette Sergeant's. 35 Ancient's and guests gathered and celebrated Mardi Gras New Orleans, ate, drank, line danced to an outstanding recording artist band, The Delta Generators. The Lafayette Sergeants hosted an amazing dinner and cigar party which will be regretted by the many who did not attend. It's now time to get ready for our FFDTD to New Orleans this coming Friday 20 September 2024 – Sunday 29 September 2024.

Sunday 15 September 2024 – Major Al Tonry Funeral

On Sunday at 1500 hours, Captain Commanding Fish and LT. Gayle Thomas attended a celebration of life service in Hampton Falls, NH. Major Albert J Tonry, Army National Guard enrolled in the company on 16 April 2024 as a ROD. A family service was held, I explained military honors directed at the attending family. Taps was rendered by LT. Thomas and a family BBQ followed.

Monday 16 September 2024 – Regular Meeting

Captain Commanding Fish conducted a FFDTD meeting in his quarters with staff at 1800 hours. The regular meeting commenced at 1930 hours and went smoothly and quickly. The ROTC initiative commenced at 1830 with nine ROTC Cadets enjoying Ancients hospitality. My goal is to familiarize ROTC JRROTC and Military Academies with the Ancients. The ultimate goal is to promote our heritage, patriotism and recruit new members. I hope to present all ROTC, JROTC and Academy awards in our armory in the Spring. Following the meeting, all FFDTD credentials and gifts were distributed.

Friday 20 September – Sunday 30 September 2024 – Fall Field Day Tour of Duty New Orleans

Thirty-Eight Ancient's arrived in New Orleans after a great flight on Jet Blue Airlines. Following a lively welcome party by our Lafayette Sergeants at Felix's on the lakefront, we proceeded to our hotel, the Bourbon Orleans. Our Lafayette Sergeants were assigned a balcony suite overlooking Bourbon Street for the entire FFDTD. A welcome reception in the suite by the CC was well attended, Bourbon Street was packed with revelers and partiers as far as the eye could see. Champaign, cigars, music and beads welcomed our 387 FFDTD. An important point for upcoming CC's and their FFDTD's, conduct daily staff meetings and address your troops daily with important scheduling and event details.

Saturday morning provided the company an opportunity to unpack, unwind and scout out the surroundings. Breakfast was provided each morning with either lunch or dinner provided by the company. In true New Orleans tradition, Saturday night was a scheduled tour of Mardi Gras World, home to Mardi Gras floats and parade coordination. The surprise was the Second Line Band led by the Sergeant Major of the 25th Marine Corps Band which escorted us to the venue and then to a surprise dinner party. Mardi Gras World is home to a staged artificial plantation only Walt Disney could create. The Ancients were paraded in Second Line fashion to what appeared to be an old warehouse. The look on the faces as members entered the venue said it all, wow! dinner, drinks and gambling. This was my welcome to New Orleans in style.

Sunday was a religious and military day. The Washington Artillery Company (WAVA) and Louisiana National Guard joined the Ancients in a parade to the St. Louis Cathedral for two events. Upon arrival at the cathedral, a wreath laying ceremony honoring Bernardo Vincente De Galvez, First Count of Galvez was conducted. CC read his speech, military honors were rendered after a wreath laying.

Captain Commanding, Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire Galvez Speech

On 21 June 1779, Spain declares war against Great Britain. In support of the American colonies, Galvez conducts a campaign against the British along the Mississippi River and Gulf Coast. He raised an army in New Orleans and drove the British out of the Gulf of Mexico. General Galvez captured five British forts in the lower Mississippi Valley. Galvez, born in Madrid Spain, born 23 July 1746, passed on 30 November 1786. Galvez served as Colonial Governor of Spanish Louisiana and Cuba, then Viceroy of New Spain. A career soldier starting at age 16. He conquered West Florida, returning Florida to Spain in the Treaty of Paris, in which he helped draft. Galvez' actions aided the American war effort and made him a hero to

both Spain and the newly independent United States. Galvez' portrait hangs in the US Capital Building since 2014. God Bless Galvez, God Bless America as we celebrate her 250th Anniversary.

The company then proceeded into the St. Louis Cathedral for High Mass conducted by the Archbishop of Louisiana. The day was special as high ranking Vatican officials including Cardinals were present for the mass. The Ancients were welcomed and acknowledged by the Archbishop twice during the televised mass. Three members, LT. James Littleton, First LT. John Damiano, Second LT. Robert Collins presented the gifts to the Archbishop. The mass was most magnificent as a full band and chorus performed the mass raising the experience to its highest level. I commented the Jewish kid had tears in his eyes. Following the mass all WAVA, LNG and Ancients celebrated a great day over a Sunday Brunch.

Monday was military banquet day and the company was ready for a spectacular evening of formality. Just prior to the event I was informed my family dog was severely injured and passed leaving me stunned. After a good cry in the restroom I prepared myself for the banquet. My head table was blessed to have several high ranking Louisiana National Guard representatives. I was honored to have the Adjutant General, MG Thomas Friloux and his wife at my side. We had a lot of common connections and truly enjoyed conversation. I presented the MG with our Captain Keane statue which brought tears to his eyes as I recognized the unity of both the Massachusetts Guard and Louisiana Guard during Hurricane Katrina. My guest speaker was phenomenal and a big hit with the sixty attendees. I was honored to introduce Mr. Jerry Strahan, Author of Andrew Jackson Higgins, The Most Forgotten Hero of the Allied Victory. My guest speaker introduction went as follows, Andrew Jackson Higgins, The Most Forgotten Hero of the Allied Victory. He designed the LCVP, Landing Craft Vehicle. Jerry E. Strahan, a hard working boat builder and author. I am proud to introduce our guest speaker. Our five toasts were made by BG Driscoll, Adjutant with three answers to the toasts. MG Friloux answered the State of Louisiana, WAVA President James Walker answered LNG toast, military branch songs answered the United States Military Toast and Major Fish answered the Commonwealth of Massachusetts toast.

Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire, Massachusetts Toast

The Adjutant General of Louisiana, General Officers, all military personnel present, distinguished past commanders, distinguished guests, Ancients all. Welcome to the 387th FFDTD, what an honor to be here in New Orleans, LA. The history of our company is grand, we have travelled throughout the world representing our great nation, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and City of Boston. On behalf of our Governor, The Honorable Maura Healy, Mayor Michelle Wu, City of Boston, The Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard, MG Gary W. Keefe, 43rd TAG of Massachusetts, thank you for attending. Our company motto, Facta Non Verba, Deeds Not Words will be the focus of this tour of duty. Yes, we look forward to receiving your cities hospitality, great food and beverage, culture and entertainment, but this is not our mission. Celebrating our 250th anniversary of the birth of this nation is at the forefront. Our FFDTD which roots created our current TDY has brought us to many nations greeting heads of state, religious leaders, military leaders, always carrying one message, Duty, Honor, Country. America and its military forces are honored to be welcomed and allowed to share our warm greetings and support with the people of your great state and city. I now stand before you as the Captain Commanding of the oldest chartered military company in the nation, third oldest in the world, now approaching 400 years. I am humbled and honored to address the State of Louisiana and the City of New Orleans, thank you for sharing your grand southern hospitality during our visit.

Dinner was followed by a special demonstration by the Executive Chef, Flaming Bananas Foster, in honor of BG Enoch "Woody" Woodhouse, my dear friend, being honored along with our second living WWII member Franklin Simon. Our company restaurant owners and chefs were invited to join the Exec. Chef as he prepared a delicious desert. Our invited guest speaker kept everyone focused and entertained. Following a thirty - minute speech I presented him with a Paul Revere bowl. The banquet concluded and all guests were invited to the Sergeants Suite. Tuesday was a day at the WWII Museum of New Orleans. Special arrangements were made well in advance of the FFDTD. The day was full of activity beginning with a 4D movie that should be shown to all students as a required civics class. The company proceeded to the Col. Battle Barksdale Parade Ground, coordinates FP (4) 6, 22 for an unveiling honoring both BG Woodhouse and PFC Simon as well as our lost Brothers in Arms. Lunch and entertainment by the Victory Bells followed. I have to brag, in true typical Ancients fashion, we had private honors with the three singers all afternoon and welcomed a 103 years old WWII vet and his family and friends. What an honor to share our lunch and share our experience. The WWII Museum is so large it takes several days to tour. The FFDTD was allowed an additional day to come back and tour, Thursday was an off day and perfect for company members to revisit. Following the museum our Civilian Aide to the Secretary to the Army (CASA), BG Driscoll along with the Louisiana (CASA) invited us to cocktails on the roof of the Higgins Hotel attached to the WWII Museum.

Wednesday 25 September 2024 – Lafayette Memorial, Battle of New Orleans, Jackson Barracks

The company boarded our coach limousine bus, 12persons van and SUV for Lafayette Square. A funny story and another good bit of advice for incoming CC's and their FFDTD. Do not trust information from brochures or travel agents. Personally view sites and verify accuracy. Being a health nut I announced 0700 hours daily PT, meet in the lobby of the hotel. I stuck to my PT schedule and several Ancients joined me. On Wednesday morning BG Driscoll accompanied me on a power walk downtown and we decided to advance the Lafayette site. Wouldn't you guess, they removed the Lafayette statue 100 years ago and replaced it with Henry Clay, Benjamin Franklin was added for good measure. Thank god it was still Lafayette Square. Too late to change we laid the wreath but changed the narrative. The ceremony was quite meaningful and accomplished my intent. Our journey continued to Chalmette and the Battle of New Orleans site. We were joined by the Louisiana National Guard and WAVA. We conducted a moving wreath laying service accompanied also by the National Park Service. The National Cemetery sits parallel to the battle site and contains the graves of unknown negro northern soldiers and service personnel who served through Vietnam. The Ancients laid a permanent marker created by Major Jay Castagnetta's wife, LNG Liaison and new friend who coordinated military activities. Ancients and military personnel conducted military honors, CC Fish made remarks, Col. James Littleton acted as Chaplain, LT. Gayle Thomas rendered Taps. Ancients boarded buses for Jackson Barracks. The MUCK or event shed was set for lunch and speeches. The Director of the Jackson Barracks Museum addressed the group while lunch was prepared. Lunch was purchased by the Ancients from a popular sandwich shop frequented by guardsman. The owner personally delivered the food. The LNG provided beer and soft drinks. I took the stage and welcomed the Ancients, introducing them to the Jackson Barracks command, LTC Chris Cannon, Commander of 1/141 Field Artillery (Washington Artillery), LTC McElrath, Executive Officer, Command Chief William. Each officer addressed the Ancients welcoming them to LNG Command HQ. I then called to the stage Beverly Boyco, Director of the Jackson Barracks Museum and the Curator to present the Beauregard saddle restoration photo and plaque. Everyone then enjoyed a

fine lunch of Muffalettas and Po-Boys. Ancients toured the museum. The barracks historian then gave the company a driving tour with a group picture ending a great day.

Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire – Jackson Barracks Speech

24 January 1861 Louisiana born Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard served as Superintendent of West Point, after serving only five days at his post, was relieved. Because of sweeping tensions between the North and South in 1861 and the fact he was a Creole from Louisiana. History remembers him as a Confederate General fighting for the southern independence and not as a civil rights leader after the war. However, in 1873 Beauregard started the Unification Movement (a civil rights movement) with a phrase "Equal Rights One Flag, One Country, One People". This movement collapsed as it had little support. At the end of Canal Street, a group overthrew the state government, this area known as The Battle of Liberty Place. This site is considered by many to mark the end of Reconstruction. Beauregard passed on 20 February 1893. Today we do not celebrate the man himself but his saddle. Today we celebrate both the Massachusetts Guard and Louisiana Guard. Hurricane Katrina devastated this state but in particular New Orleans and this Jackson Barracks. This saddle stands a symbol of unity, two forces, of course many others came to the fight, but today we celebrate LNG and MNG during and after Katrina. The generosity and historical concerns to preserve museum artifacts shown by the LNG and US Army was above and beyond the call of duty. This saddle proudly sits back in our museum for all to remember and reflect, Natural disasters and war, No more, Never again.

Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire – Lafayette Square Memorial Speech

Gilbert Du Mottier, Marquis De Lafayette who insisted while in America to be called "The General". He commanded Continental Army troops in the decisive siege of Yorktown in 1781, which was the final major battle securing American independence. "The General" a French nobleman and military officer is considered the "Hero of Two Worlds". He was commissioned as he jokes, with connections at age 13. He became a Major General at age 19. Born in Chavaniac, France 6 September 1757, passed on 20 May 1834. He fought in several major battles during the American Revolution. Significantly he returned to America in 1780. In 1781 he led the troops in Virginia who blocked the British Army led by Cornwallis while French and American forces positioned themselves. His actions resulted in the decisive siege at Yorktown. Later appointed Commander in Chief of Frances National Guard, arrested because of the French Revolution, released by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1797. In 1824 invited back to America by President James Monroe in which he visited our 24 United States. The Ancients proudly organized, hosted and conducted the 200th Anniversary celebrations in Boston, 24 August 2024. We are proud today to salute "The hero of two worlds". God bless Gilbert Du Mottier, Marquis De Lafayette, God Bless America.

Thursday was determined to be a free day to explore and visit New Orleans outside the French Quarter. Because of the courtyard pool amenities I decided to throw a pool party BBQ from noon to three PM. The Lafayette Sergeants were great and provided first class drink service to our attendees. It was customary to send left over event food to the Sergeants Suite, "waste not want not". No member of the company was underfed on this tour of duty. Friday was a scheduled long day with walking. In my morning briefs at breakfast I stressed the need for comfortable shoes within reason meeting the blazer uniform standards, most complied. The Sergeants armed with the proper implements provided food and beverage service as we travelled to Baton Rouge. The scheduled stops were the Old State House, lunch at the City Club of Baton Rouge, affiliated with the Army/Navy Club and finally the old Governor's

Mansion. All these stops were fantastic. What was waiting for our members was a surprise. A visit to the New State House and a visit to the Governor of Louisiana' office. I was proud as members had easy access to the Governor's private floor and facilities. The second half of the day was the final intention of Mardi Gras World on Saturdays first event, artificial plantation, now the real plantation. Kevin Kelly, the owner of Houmas House Plantation, a true gentleman who opened his doors to the Ancients. Yes, he is a businessman and charged us, but at a very fair rate. The company was given the tour, dined on fine southern cuisine and toured one of the finest Civil War museums in the south. A one- hour bus ride returned us to a lively Friday night Bourbon Street. Saturday was the final day to get your shopping done. The evening plans were unique and exciting, Swamp Tour and Crawfish Boil. We took control of two airboats and spent an early evening with the gators. Several close encounters with a group of large gators left Ancients thirsty and hungry. On the docks upon our arrival was an open bar and seafood, steak feast. You are not a true southerner until you eat bayou shrimp and mudbugs. No Ancient left the venue hungry or thirsty. I moved the event one hour earlier to allow for a final Saturday night on Bourbon Street. Sunday morning departure was smooth and thankfully with no casualties. We boarded Jet Blue Airlines and departed New Orleans. Jet Blue after takeoff announced a thank you for flying, to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, chartered in 1638, the oldest military company in the United States. I believe our company made history on this trip, established new friendships with Louisiana and New Orleans and left our mark on celebrating the birth of our nation.

On return from any major trip, many thank you and good job communications are received. I have not heard one complaint only high praise for a well- balanced and well run FFDTD. The company participants only need to know a good time was had by all. The Captain Commanding however now has to deal with the budget and balancing of funds. All debt must be settled and approved by the FinCom before the next Captain Commanding is elected. I have conducted an After Action meeting with my Chief of Staff. I have communicated with my Paymaster and await his accounting. When we feel secure in our numbers, we will meet with the FinCom and balance our books.

Saturday 19 October 2024 – Fall Shoot

The long awaited annual Fall Shoot is upon us. My capable Ordnance Officer LTC James Marques has organized a day of comradarie and competition. As usual I dawned my ACU's, I arrived at the Weymouth Elks and manned my waiver table. All 104 shooters and guests registered, had breakfast and reported to the pistol competition. Several key staffers manned various stations, training, scoring and monitoring the shooters. The rifle range opened at 1000 hours with more breakfast, training and competition. To enhance the event, black powder and archery were offered to the guests. Lunch, game of chance, formally called a raffle and an auction preceded an award ceremony. The Fall shoot was a great success with a few internal glitches. Again, Incoming commanders should pay attention to several seemingly small but important points. Awards must be quality and properly displayed during the shoot. The Ordnance Officer must have quality gifts for the volunteers. This CC purchased proper awards and presented winners at a later regular meeting. When organizing, make sure you have clear lines of communication and coordination with your OIC and senior gun club staff. Roles of staff must be clearly defined.

An ongoing situation which requires a dedicated Ancient's valued time needs immediate attention. For a couple of years, Col. Wilwerth, Quartermaster Emeritus has possessed our company pistols. Two years of failure in a company vote for Armorer has frustrated the Col. He desires a rest from the responsibility.

I must find a suitable volunteer and pass a new rule and regulation creating this new position. I have spoken to certain members who possess the competent skills and await a decision.

Monday 21 October 2024 – USS Constitution

The company continues its relationship with the USS Constitution and has been invited to participate in the birthday turnaround. Several company members participated in this historic event. The weather was exceptional as we experience an Indian Summer and a large amount of spectators cheering as the ship canons fired over Boston Harbor.

Monday 21 October 2024 – Israel Invitation

I as a future Captain Commanding envisioned and prepared for a FFDTD to Israel which was halted by an attack on 7 October 2023. I have been actively trying to travel in an organized fashion to Israel to fulfill my obligations as a Jew and to assist both military and police in any supporting capacity. I have become acquainted with Yani Zeitak, Chief of Border Control, Israel through my 9/11 Memorial participation. I now have been officially invited to fly through Cypress and spend eleven days travelling through Israel. My problem is gut wrenching, dedicated command of my Ancient's or delegation to the First Lieutenant. The November season is quite busy as Veterans Day and the many surrounding days of parades and events conflicts with 8 November – 19 November 2024. The Lieutenant's Ball, funerals and the unknowns weigh heavily on my conscience. My Chief and Command Staff have advised me correctly, remain home and take charge.

Wednesday 23 October 2024 – Leave No One Behind Gala

Our annual support of the former Boston Center for Homeless Vets was attended by several distinguished Ancients including myself, BG Driscoll, Captain Haraden PC, Col. James Littleton, LT. Stephen Dacorta, Col. James Wiegel, Captain Peter Seibert, a key figure in the event. Matt Noyes, TV weatherman was Master of Ceremonies. Delicious food and lots of fundraising made for a great evening. The Ancients are listed as Bronze Members and continue to fundraise for this veteran's charity.

I am now off to participate in the three - day Centennial Legion's Annual Conference in Warwick Rhode Island.

Thursday 24 October 2024 – 88th Annual Meeting, Centennial Legion of Historic Military Commands, Warwick Rhode Island

Arrival to the Crown Plaza Hotel, Warwick RI on Thursday afternoon went smoothly with a quick check-in at the Hospitality Suite. An evening of food and drink as thirty or so historic military units reunited for a weekend of comradarie and business. Friday morning the annual meeting opened with business and elections. I was nominated and voted as a new Director at Large. Many visits to the host armory's, the Pawtuxet Rangers and Kentish Guard both celebrating 250 years, provided valuable military significance. Dinner and drinks were provided throughout the weekend. Saturday began with a tour of the RI State Capital followed by the change of command on the steps of the capital. I was very disappointed in the number of Ancients attending the weekend. The membership needs to understand the significance of their role in the legion. We are the oldest recognized military command and our June Day is looked upon as the event of the year for the original thirteen colonies which make-up the legion. Saturday night was the final banquet at the Rhodes on the Pawtuxet with dinner and a full swing band. A great thank you to

Colonel Ron Barnes, candidate for Second Lieutenant, AHAC, Current Commander of the Pawtuxet Rangers and all the hosts for a great weekend.

Monday 28 October 2024 – Fourth Fall Meeting

The scheduled meeting was along and busy night with a full agenda of reports and special welcomes. The company was honored to have several visiting ROTC Cadets as part of the Recruit and Retention initiative. Colonel Michael Laso, Superintendent of Veterans Homes Massachusetts gave a talk on the new building project in Holyoke and a thank you on our company charity drive. As a constant tribute to our Tuskeegee Airman, BG "Woody" Woodhouse was recognized.

Tuesday 29 October 2024 – Canadian American Veterans Plaque Dedication

A large contingent of Canadian, British and American representatives gathered at the Old North Church to pay tribute to many American citizens who volunteered to fight in WWI and WWII prior to American commitment of troops. The Ancient and Honorable were invited to attend. Major Fish and Captain George Morrison PC represented the company.

Tuesday 29 Wednesday 30 October 2024 – Funeral, LT. Robert D. Engal

A wake and funeral service was conducted for our fallen brother who died suddenly and unexpected. Robert was a great friend to many in the company. His loss is a reminder to all, Live, Love and cherish every moment with family and friends. The Ancients provided a Guard of Honor for both the wake and funeral.

Wednesday 6 November 2024 – Paymaster Meeting

Having completed the FFDTD and setting the schedule to accumulate all invoices, account for all expenditures and present final numbers to the FinCom, I met with the Paymaster for a late lunchtime meeting. With so many scheduled events moving forward it is imperative to balance your annual budget. I have learned from experience sitting in the command seat, personnel and their duties when efficiently performed, absolutely aid in a balanced budget. I have reminded on several occasions the First Lieutenant of his supervisor duties per Rules and Regulations. We have two paid employees amongst our volunteer ranks. Both paid employees, officers in the rank structure who our intricate to our mission. In particular, the Executive Secretary who is home base to operations. Besides administrative duties, collection of all funded events are deposited and entered into the system for accounting purposes. Oversight of this operation is critical to a balanced budget. With a new Paymaster in place and the time consumption they spend on private personal company management, combined with company finance management, proper and accurate accounting from the Exec. Sec. must be managed. Incoming commanders should pay particular attention and work with the First Lieutenant.

Saturday 9 November 2024 – City of Boston Veterans Day Parade

A crispy, sunny Saturday morning greeted hundreds of marching contingents to the starting line of the Boston Marathon. The City of Boston welcomed all veterans and spectators to line the streets from Boylston St, Back Bay to City Hall Plaza to cheer on this Veterans Day parade. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company took a prominent position with the USS Constitution close behind. I made this parade order clear after a positioning error on June Day. I assured the skipper and her Executive Officers, we will always march together. A large contingent of Ancients marched proudly as they were cheered by

the crowds. Our company member and Commissioner of Veteran Affairs, Robert Santiago welcomed us and presented a City of Boston, Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Wu. Another exceptional performance by our company.

Saturday 9 November 2024 – Lieutenant's Ball

Following a fine performance at the Veterans Parade it was time for our elegant event of the season. The Ancients arrived in style at the Hawthorne Inn, Salem, Massachusetts where the two Lieutenants hosted a magnificent ball. About 150 Ancients and guests all dressed in their finest military fashion, ate, drank and danced the night away. Congratulations, another outstanding event.

Sunday 10 November 2024 – Remembrance Sunday, Old North Church

As this week is Veterans Day and with the continued effort by the Old North Church to honor history and those who served or currently serve, some giving all, a day to reflect and memorialize our departed. A church service with several Consular Generals and military personnel, AHAC CC present and recognized, enjoyed a moving tribute to both World Wars through hand written letters from front line soldiers of the UK. Following the service, a bagpiper escorted the attendees to the Memorial Garden in the rear of the church. A wreath laying ceremony with Canada, Britain and the United States placed wreaths followed by bugle calls. It was an honor to represent the United States Military.

Monday 11 November 2024 – Veterans Day Ceremony, Massachusetts State House

An early arrival to the statehouse was required in order to fully understand the event changes from past years. Governor Healy's new Veteran's Affairs Cabinet not only changed Honor Guard positioning outside her office but moved from the open rotundum to the Hall of Flags. LTC Michael Wabrek acted as my Adjutant as we coordinated with the staff and prepared for a successful ceremony. Thirty Ancients arrived and reported to Room 280 for briefings. My staff reported to the Governor's Office for a meet and greet followed by a dry run. The ceremony was a success as the Ancients led the Governor and invited dignitaries into the Hall of Flags. The United States Marine Corps Junior ROTC Color Guard from Lynn English High School performed their duties with honor. Myself and BG Joseph Milano sat in the front row and proudly represented the Ancients when acknowledged by the Governor. Two awards were presented to attendees for outstanding service, both awards named for CMH members of our company. The following day I received several emails with pictures, articles and news footage of the day showing our Ancients leading the way. I am proud to claim the title of Captain Commanding. For you Marines, Semper FI and happy 249th Birthday to be celebrated tomorrow.

Wednesday 13 November 2024 – USMC 249th Birthday Celebration

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company was well represented as the USMC celebrated 249 years. Several Marine Corps members led by LTC Michael Wabrek sat together as we cheered and toasted a long celebrated history. Our two living CMH recipients were honored as well as BG Woody Woodhouse. 2000 attendees cheered on the Commandant of the USMC General Eric Smith. Col. Barney Barnum and Tom Kelley who were recognized at the podium. During a delicious steak lunch we listened to several speeches and award ceremonies. Our own George Montilio baked a magnificent birthday cake which was cut by the Commandant. The USMC band played as new boots were sworn in and expected jarhead digs were shouted. This swearing in moment is considered the event highlight. The luncheon ended with the USMC Hymn sung by all present.

Thursday 14 November 2024 – City of Boston Welcome USS Nantucket Commissioning

Mayor Wu, City of Boston, delegated Commissioner Robert Santiago, Veteran Affairs to meet with the Captain of the USS Nantucket to deliver the welcome to Boston message on her commissioning. Commissioner Santiago requested myself to accompany him onboard to meet the skipper on behalf of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. The Captain and her Executive Officer greeted us at the gang plank along with her COB, Chief of Boat. A very relaxed exchange of gifts and short speeches in the Ward Room was followed by a very detailed tour of the ship. On Friday 15 November 2024, myself, Captain Timothy Haraden PC, Captain Daniel May PC will attend the Captain's Ward Room Reception with our wives at the Boston Harbor Hotel. Saturday 16 November 2024 the official commissioning ceremonies will take place at the Charlestown Navy Yard. Old Ironsides will be the backdrop for this ceremony. A personal note, as commissioning dates are very fluid, the USS Nantucket was scheduled during CC Tim Haraden's command year, unfortunately it was delayed to my command year. I, respecting the hard work of Captain Tim immediately gave the chairmanship of the committee to him. Both Dan May and Tim have represented the company proudly.

Friday 15 November 2024 – Ward Room Captain's Dinner – Boston Harbor Hotel

Captain Tim Haraden PC and CC along with our significant others gathered at the Hingham Ferry and headed to the Boston Harbor Hotel for a formal dinner/cocktail reception. The Nantucket Committee was an excellent host along with many distinguished military officers and political figures. The food and drink were phenomenal, the conversation even better. The night was a great networking success with my goal to open communications with all branches of service in the Boston region and to expose our company and museum. The USS Nantucket and her crew look forward to tomorrow's ceremonies.

Saturday 16 November 2024 – USS Nantucket LCS 27 Commissioning

A crisp Fall morning at the Charlestown Navy Yard with 08:00 canon firing and National Anthem from the USS Constitution welcomed the day. A large contingent of Ancients attended and enjoyed many speeches along with a well-run commissioning ceremony. Many patrons with Massachusetts connections were greeting our group and very enthusiastic about our company history. The commissioning ended about 12:00 noon with an invite to tour the ship. The USS Nantucket was scheduled to depart Boston on Monday 18 November and head to Mayport, Florida, her home port. Monday morning about 10:20 as I stood on Nantasket Beach, my home port, I watched the USS Nantucket head to sea rapidly passing a tanker ship. I hand saluted and said a prayer, wishing her safe journey's and successful missions.

Saturday 23 November 2024 – Plymouth Parade

The Ancients awoke to a cold rainy, windy day. The parade order called for an 0800 report time at the East Bay Grille on the Plymouth waterfront. In customary fashion, candidates for office supply breakfast as the Personnel Adjutant takes attendance. The Captain Commanding had two major decisions to make, Acting Adjutant and wearing of rain gear. Constantly consulting my National Weather Service App. I made the call at 09:15 hours, we will wear rain gear. The Plymouth parade has become a large significant event with many units parading in founding order. The Ancients take a forward position as we were founded in 1638. The Ancients marched proudly and performed its honors at the parade start as we were announced by TV Channel 5 with a brief history. A long wet march with drum cadence and

Adjutant calls ended at the Plymouth Harbor Waterfront. Following a group photo and retiring colors we proceeded back to the East Bay Grille for a delicious lunch. Many compliments were received on my rain gear decision as we undressed and suffered only from wet feet and cold hands.

Saturday 23 November 2024 – Ten of Us Christmas Party, Yarmouth House, Hyannis

The annual Ten of Us Christmas Party kicked off at 18:00 hours in the beautiful back fireplace room with festive decorations. As I have done for the past five seasons, I presented gifts to our ladies. It is customary for the candidates to supply a gift. Col. Ron Barnes conducted his gift giving and I conducted the Captain's appreciation gift. The guests arrived in evening casual wear and immediately dined on a buffet and cocktails. Folks settled in for an elegant seated dinner with DJ background and dance music. I truly believe this is the second best Ancients event, celebrating our significant others. First is the Lieutenants Ball, second this Christmas event. I was thrilled to see the dance floor active and the attendees engaged in joyous conversation. The evening ended and as per custom, LT. Gerry Manning, owner, Captain Parkers Pub hosted a wonderful breakfast on Sunday morning. As it is now the holiday week and there is a one week break, I am taking the opportunity to prepare for several December events, First and foremost, a holiday letter to the company. A Governors request for a Guard of Honor for the King of Jordan, Veterans Day at the Holiday Pops, Promotional ceremony for now BG Kenneth Wisniewski, a longtime member and friend, Eagle Sergeants Christmas Dinner, inspection of our Armory and Museum by appraisers and whatever else arises. I have taken the opportunity to expedite June Day by creating an invitation letter to our visiting delegation explaining the encampment and June Day schedule. I have tasked the Exec. Sec. to begin permitting process with the city. I am reaching out to my City Hall Liaisons to communicate with Mayor Wu and seek her review and acceptance of the encampment. I have tasked BG Joseph Milano, PC to contact the Governor and invite her to the June Day reception and Sunday Governor's Dinner. I have now reached the halfway mark of my command year and it is time to review scheduled events needing attention. Presidents Day requires a guest speaker which appears to be set, BG Doug Slocum, US Air Force retired has been formally sent a letter of invitation. I have sent the same letters to both Beth Hillman, WTC Memorial and Museum, MG Thomas Friloux, Adjutant General, Louisiana National Guard. It is now December and the deadline to secure next year's June Day venue. The Marriott Courtyard has offered a mirrored contract for next year. I have reminded LT. Steve Colella to address this contract for the "Good of the Company". I will follow-up to ensure a decision is made.

I must address the current FFDTD shortfall, clear the books with FinCom and the Standing Committee. It was my intent to complete this by the 6 January meeting. I need to schedule Springtime events without budget concerns or hindrance. I will meet with my Chief of Staff and Judge Advocate prior to the 6 January meeting to make a legal decision regarding two contracts, Shervin Hawley, Travel Officer and Bourbon Orleans Hotel. The first order of business will be to present a legal opinion as how to proceed with both contracts. I have made the decision to move on, pay the contracts. I have made several budget cuts and adjustments to offset the deficit and need to move on. The Standing Committee and FinCom disagree and wish to address both contracts. As Captain Commanding I must acknowledge and accept these mistakes and follow the Standing Committee decisions. I have included in this 6 January meeting a quick Anniversary Committee meeting to jump start June Day. Several assigned officers need to begin their respective duties, I do not like last minute planning.

Wednesday 4 December 2024 – Military Friends, Christmas with Gold Star Mothers and Families

The thirteenth annual gathering at the Massachusetts State House to celebrate Christmas with many families who lost loved ones during battle or later from battle related injuries. I sat with many dignitaries from Generals to the Governor and her First Lady and exchanged lots of Christmas cheer. What an honor and to be quite honest, emotionally overwhelming to sit up front and face so many hero families dealing with the greatest of losses. The children of these heroes were there to honored and be celebrated by fellow human beings. The smiles and eyes of those small children as we sang, read a Christmas book, holiday gestures, talked about the memorial ornaments on the Christmas tree, each ornament a tribute to their particular family member. The most trying moment was when each family spouse, child, sibling walked past me in single file, sometimes shaking hands or hugging with one goal, announce in the microphone their loved one, branch of service and cause of death. Many speeches, introductions, Christmas songs and great tree lighting concluded a most memorable event. I t was an honor to be sitting with BG Joseph Milano, Military Attache' to the Governor and LT. Joseph Regan, Executive Secretary, AHAC.

Wednesday 4 December 2024 – Boston Pops Veterans Christmas Concert

Robert Santiago, Commissioner Veteran Affairs, City of Boston and new member of the company invited the Ancients to attend the annual Christmas concert. The event is held on the last night dress rehearsal of the Boston Pops. I was given 10 tickets or two tables which were up front and personal. I made last minute contacts to the command staff offering a holiday gesture as a thank you for a solid and successful 6 months. This concert meant a lot to me for several reasons, First, I spent a lot of quality time as a police officer working details at Symphony Hall and considered them a personal responsibility. I became close to several conductors and staff. Many years ago a new conductor arrived in Boston. Donning my AHAC uniform and utilizing my marked police cruiser I picked up that conductor at the airport and escorted him to Symphony Hall. Not so fast, as usual and those that know me well, I like being an armed police tour guide of our beautiful city. Keith Lockhart was properly welcomed. A second reason was to celebrate my family and show off my AHAC status as CC and the love and respect shown by so many outside folks attending the concert. I was so proud sitting with my wife and daughter as we listened and sometimes sang Christmas tunes. Marissa will be leaving in two weeks with her husband for Fort Bliss, their new duty station. Third, just being back at Symphony Hall, remembering all those great memories, hugging longtime friends, seeing Keith conducting. The concert ended and of course lots of goodbyes, especially seeing BG Enoch "Woody" Woodhouse wearing his uniform and the center of attention. After lots of laughs and pictures the night ended, I thanked those Ancients that attended and departed.

Thursday 5 December 2024 – Honor Guard, King Abdullah II of Jordan

For about a week the Ancients had been tasked by the Governor to perform a Guard of Honor for the King. At about 09:30 BG Milano notified the company of a cancellation due to flight issues. We await a rescheduling. Massachusetts is experiencing rain, snow and high winds until Friday 6 December 2024.

Friday 6 December 2024 – British/American Business Council Annual Christmas Lunch

The annual Christmas party was held at the Harvard Club of Boston. Cpl. George King, my staff Consular General Liaison and trusted friend, coordinated an escort/honor guard for the event. My command year has been a strong advocate of not only rebuilding and troubleshooting but re-establishing bonds with Ambassadors and Consular Generals for the purpose of future successful FFDTD's. Our relationship with

the UK and Canada is phenomenal. As a team, George and myself, wearing our parade uniforms greeted attendees at the welcome reception, escorted the new Consular General of Britain and conducted opening ceremonies with bagpiper, American and British National Anthems. This is the thirteenth annual Christmas Party and hopefully we can continue to be part of the program. My naivety of worldly matters sometimes gets me in trouble but I see an opportunity to fix stupid. I have met the British/American Council, British Officers Association, British Business Council and HAC. For some strange reason they don't associate. I have welcomed all groups to visit our armory and partake in events. My hope is to strengthen our ties and perhaps increase our membership. On a sad note, Captain Paul E Morrill III PC passed away in Florida. I was close to Paul and just spoke for an hour on the phone with him as he prepared to travel south. Paul has been suffering medically for some time now. He made it clear, I am going to Florida. Paul has made it to Florida and beyond, God bless his soul.

Saturday 7 December 2024 – Promotion of Regular Member BG Kenneth P. Wisniewski, III

Several weeks ago I received a call from Col. Kenneth Wisniewski regarding his promotional process and his wanting a proper venue for the ceremony. I have known Ken to be a great Ancient and good friend and proud to offer Faneuil Hall. The date was set and the process began to invite Ancients and other dignitaries. Brett Henry, company Commissary Officer would handle the catering, Massachusetts National Guard handled the ceremony. A dress rehearsal took place at 10:30 hours with colors and the posting of Ken's One Star flag by his son PFC Kenneth Wisniewski, IV. The ceremony went flawless with lots of expected medal backings falling to the floor. As the position is in the State of New York, several General Officers and staff attended and MG Keefe officiated and promoted Ken. Captain Nick Schiarizzi PC presented the Captain Keane Award and I presented a bottle of scotch. A delicious meal followed in the armory as we showed off our museum and library. Again, our company was exposed to military forces outside the Commonwealth.

Saturday 7 December 2024 – 1ST Battalion 101ST Field Artillery Red Leg Ball

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company requires two key events each year, June Day and the FFDTD. Our Change of Command and Drumhead election require artillery to welcome our Governor and new Command Staff. This year I required artillery for two additional 250th Anniversary events and without hesitation, the 101st Field Artillery stepped up. I will never stop thinking about an amazing Nineteen Gun salute on the Boston Common during the 200th Anniversary of Lafayette's return to Boston. BG Fientorino, Former commander of the 101st F/A and great friend to our company presented me with a shell mounted on a base and engraved. I placed this award in the Captains Quarters on permanent display. Each year the company gives thanks and supports the F/A efforts by supporting and attending events. An important note, the Saint Barbara Medal is awarded each June Day to the outgoing CC, this gesture by the 101st is above and beyond and must be recognized. The Red Leg ball is the highlight, good food, entertainment and camaraderie. I purchased two tables of ten, one for the Ancients, one for soldiers who needed seating. Both myself and Sergeant Donald Strunk presented the Army Achievement to a deserving Sergeant who assisted the Ancients in the Soldiers Home project. Following the dinner, the Ancients took to the dance floor to entice the young soldiers to grab their dates and join us. I must say it worked, a fun time was had by all.

Monday 9 December 2024

I arrived in the armory about 1400 hours to help prepare for the Toys for Tots and to complete another "Kick the Can" moment. Company awards have not been presented in a couple of years and too many deserving Ancients must be recognized. As Captain Commanding I make the final approval and therefore should not be submitting requests. I personally selected ten worthy recipients, completed the paperwork, presented them to my COS, Captain George Morrison, PC for his approval and signature and finally placed them in the hands of First Lieutenant John Damiano, Chairman of the Awards Board. I will continue to remind the company to submit these award nominations. I intend to present awards in the Spring. At 1700 hours I met with the Recruit and Retention Committee to discuss company affairs and the upcoming Candidate Night on 10 February 2025. The event will be combined with our regular company meeting.

Monday 9 December 2024 – Toys for Tots

The troops gathered on floor 4 in our armory for a festive and great Lafayette Sergeants Toys for Tots. Christmas trees, holly, Santa Clause, laughing Ancients and guests along with a large contingent of Marines sang Christmas toons, ate amazing Brett Henry Catering and rekindled. Many prospective candidates toured the armory with our Curator LT. Chuck Fazio, several submitting applications. The weather outside was frightful but the armory was quite delightful, thought you would enjoy this as I must say, what a large turnout. The event turnout was beyond expectations. The raffle prizes were extensive and the 50/50 was won by our own, Colonel Cathy Corkery, Chair, Military Support Committee. The Marines were thrilled with the abundance of collected toys. Two vans were filled to capacity and the Veterans Shelter received an overwhelming amount of clothing donations. I was thrilled to take the microphone and wish all happy holidays. The sad moment of the event was the introduction of the Morrill boys, Jeff and PJ who brought Captain Paul's Annual Record for distribution and information on the upcoming funeral. The boys were warmly greeted by all as we loved Paul and were excited to see the boys who are long time members of the company. Another successful event in the history books.

Friday/Saturday 13/14 December 2024 – Wake and Funeral Captain Paul E. Morrill, PC

A wake was conducted at the Alfred D. Thomas Funeral Home, Milton, MA. For our fallen Past Commander, Paul E. Morrill. Paul was a beloved member of the company, a Senior Life Member since 1 May 1995. Paul who loved both Florida and Milton but became ill several years ago and struggled to participate in company events. No matter, he was always there to guide and support me on my climb to command as well as my other company endeavors. His sons PJ and Jeff are active members of the company. The company provided colors and a Guard of Honor by his casket for the full 4- hour wake. May our brother rest in the eternal loving arms of the lord.

On Saturday 14 December 2024 our company provided full military honors as Captain Paul E. Morrill, PC was laid to rest. Paul was a Navy veteran who served his country and community with distinction. In our Jewish faith, Paul was a Mench, a man of honor, a man to be honored, a humanitarian. A full church and graveside proved this point. Paul's Navy emblazoned casket draped in American flag was greeted by our Honor Guard and reviewed by 50 of our troops as he entered the church. As Paul was a Knight of Malta, a KOM Honor Guard presented the KOM casket pall for the service. A beautiful service was conducted with his son Jeffrey speaking about Paul's life. Father, LTC Medas assisted in the service and conducted the burial prayers at the graveside, Knowlwood Cemetery, Canton, MA. Again our Color Guard and Guard of Honor stood tall as the Navy folded and presented the flag following LT. Robert Bean's

rendition of Taps. A wonderful meal and reflection of Paul's life was held at the Brookmeadow Golf Club, Canton, MA. Many folks spoke, both myself and my COS, Captain George Morrison, PC addressed the event. I will dedicate my June Day to Captain Paul Morrill, PC

Monday 23 December 2024 – Christmas Gathering with WAVA New Orleans

Every Christmas and New Year is spent with family in New Orleans, this year was no different. The FFDTD to New Orleans now behind us and quite the relief, FFDTD now history in my memoirs, developed a new and lasting friendship. The Washington Artillery of New Orleans became a partner in organizing the FFDTD. Major Jay my now friend and Liaison to the Louisiana National Guard coordinated a Christmas gathering to celebrate the both camaraderie and friendship. The bond between both Massachusetts and Louisiana is strong thanks to Hurricane Katrina. Good food, drink and cigars led to a festive Christmas and a plan for WAVA to attend June Day.

Sunday 5 January 2025 – Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, SAR, Children of American Revolution, CAR Annual Meeting

LT. John Mitchell my Liaison and coordinator of special events notified me of a request to utilize our armory. My year as CC is dedicated to patriotism, tradition, history and public relations. I could not ask for a more patriotic and energetic group of young men and women, SAR, CAR. The armory, museum and library was the perfect setting for the thirty parents and children.LT. Mitchell, PVT. John Zafiris, both members of the SAR and myself hosted. The theme for the meeting was First Responders. I was proud to speak about my WTC experience, show off our museum display of 9/11 and present coins and gifts to the children. Both LT. Mitchell and PVT Zafiris remained and completed the program. I departed early as I had to represent the company at the wake of MSG Gerard Kelly.

Sunday 5 January 2025 – Wake, Senior Life Member MSG Gerard Kelly (The Field Marshall)

Let me start this tale by returning to my early Ancient days of 1989. I was not a member, I was a participant, leading many parades and attending Ancient events. As a member of the Boston Police VFW Post #1018 Honor Guard, later taking command, I was privileged to lead all city parades, the Ancients always participating or leading. Soon it became clear to several Ancients including MSG Gerard Kelly, NCOIC of the color guard, affectionately known as "The Field Marshall", Mike Fish needed to be an Ancient. I joined this magnificent company and got the famous finger wave from Jerry Kelly. I received a great welcome as both marcher and bugler. Well, here we are now burying our brother after all these dedicated years. A scheduled wake and funeral for Sunday and Monday. Being the problem child and sometimes rule breaker, common sense rules the day, I placed Second LT. Robert Collins in charge, full honors were to be given. A Guard of Honor at the casket during the wake and Color Guard at the church service.

Monday 6 January 2025 – Funeral MSG Gerard F. Kelly, Senior Life Member, DOE 8 September 1975

On Monday 6 January 2025 at 10:00 hours, MSG Gerard Kelly was laid to rest after a long health battle. Thirty Ancients led by CC Fish lined the church and rendered honors to such a great and loved member of the company. The weather was extremely cold as burial prayers by a local church Deacon were recited. Following the service all attendees were invited to Anthony's of Malden, an Ancient owned and frequented venue. Now a little story for the record. In all my years of conducting and participating in funerals, here's one for the record. On Sunday afternoon I was notified, no priest for the funeral home

or cemetery. The Jewish kid was tasked to find a Roman Catholic priest. With the help of Father/LTC Mike Medas, Ancient's Chaplain, Belmont PD and the Funeral Director we found a local Deacon. I explained to the family and they agreed, self- appointed Rabbi Fish was prepared to perform graveside burial rights as a back-up. As we stood freezing graveside with no Deacon I was ready. Last minute but apologetic the Deacon arrived and performed well. May Jerry's soul be bound in the loving arms of God.

It is now time to prepare for June Day, Presidents Day and other scheduled events requiring advance preparation. The long breaks between scheduled meetings poses timing and operational issues. Halloween through New Year accumulates multiple events requiring multiple reports. Murphy's Law always applies and organizing three meetings in a four- hour timeframe requires patience and cooperation. The Exec. Sec. Personnel Adjutant, COS, CC and Adjutant must communicate, accumulate, correlate and produce a meeting agenda for all scheduled meetings days before. Because the June Day program is new and more complicated, I have called for the first Anniversary Committee meeting in conjunction with the Standing Committee meeting. Invitations and head table assignments for Presidents Day must be completed. We are scheduled for the Governor's State of the State address as an official honor guard and the USS Massachusetts Commissioning AHAC Committee must create a fundraising message ASAP. The company is waiting to hear about the Presidential Inaugural Parade, application made weeks ago. I have alerted all company members who will play a key role in June Day operations to report on regular meeting night, Monday 13 January 2025 at 18:00 hours.

Monday 13 January 2025

Another very hectic meeting due to the very long break between regular meetings was opened at 19:30 hours. Prior to the regular meeting, both Anniversary Committee and Standing Committee took place in the Captains Quarters. As I have explained on many occasions, orderly and efficient operations require advance planning. The June Day events this year are different and more involved because of venue change and the 250th anniversary of the country. For almost 30 minutes I described the event and assigned tasks to the relevant officers and enlisted personnel. We will hold monthly meetings moving forward. The Standing Committee was busy but successful with all committees reporting. The JAG, LT. Phil Nassralla reported his legal opinion regarding the Bourbon Orleans Hotel and our possible litigation regarding the FFDTD. I tabled the discussion till next meeting in order for the committee to analyze.

The meeting was crowded and all members seemed excited to be back in the armory. The food was exceptional as our Commissary Officer served overflowing lobster rolls. Many reports were given with two special moments. I presented the proper and upgraded pewter cups to the winners of the Fall Shoot and our beloved BG "Woody" Woodhouse turned 98 years young. A large cake with his portrait was presented with candles and a rousing round of song caused "Woody" to smile ear to ear. A sabre was presented to cut the cake, "Woody" then addressed the company with tears in his eyes. Two reports were not read but important for the record, Milk Street Cemetery and the Gold Star Mothers and Wives Christmas event at the statehouse. Many upcoming events were announced and the meeting closed.

Many of my promised initiatives now required my attention prior to our next 10 February meeting. In order to meet required Rules and Regulations regarding awards, 1st Lieutenant John Damiano convened an Awards Board, approved the awards and submitted all awards back to me for final approval. LTC Michael Wabrek, incoming 1st Lieutenant will now cut those orders for presentation on selected dates. Another initiative now underway is the creation of both a mini medal and ribbon for the 250th Anniversary of America and a uniform badge. Both criteria for awarding to members will be determined

by the Military Support Committee. Both designs are completed, I am just waiting for an invoice from LT. Shervin Hawley. The MGL c.33, Organized Militia bill initiative started last year has finally come before the legislator for submission. I alerted all Ancient sub- committee members of the Friday 17 January 2025 deadline and the request to approve the submission. The Ancients approved, the TAG, MG Keefe approved and our two legislators, David DeCoste and Paul McMurtry will enter the bill for final signing into law. Several FinCom meetings regarding the upcoming Presidents Day luncheon and June Day have finalized costs and set ticket prices.

Thursday 16 January 2025 – State of the Commonwealth Honor Guard

Thirty Ancients gathered in Room 137 at the Massachusetts statehouse to conduct a requested honor guard for the Governor's State of the Commonwealth address. Major Fish briefed the Adjutant, BG John Driscoll assisted by BG Emory Maddox, Asst. Adjutant and the company lined the red carpet in the hallway outside the Governor's office. Two Past Commanders, Captain Daniel May, PC and Captain George Morrison, PC, COS were present as all state officials greeted us and proceeded into the chambers. The Governor thanked the Ancients and we were dismissed.

Tuesday 18 January 2025

Executive Secretary, LT. Joseph Regan informed me he would be absent from his post for two weeks due to a family medical situation. While he will be able to conduct some company business from home, we need a physical presence in the armory. The Curator Chuck Fazio will continue in his role and cover the office as needed but both my COS and myself have initiated a back-up plan. As Presidents Day approaches, a strong presence is needed to collect and account for attendees. Last minute Ancients, last minute payments always create havoc and a loss to the company funds. LT. Steve Coan, Captains Aide, has agreed to cover the two weeks in the armory. I have made it clear, no payment at the door. The Commissary Officer will prepare a meal for 130, 10 of these on the company, no matter the final numbers and the company will deal with overall costs. I have made it clear to the OD and OG's, coverage at the rear and door is mandatory. A strong visual presence will aid in proper coordination and accountability.

Monday 3 February 2025 – Wake SL Member, Col. Robert J Messina

Wake of SL member Col. Robert J. Messina was held at the Wm. Spencer Funeral Home S. Boston, Massachusetts on Monday 3 February 2025, 4:00PM-8:00PM. Robert was a longtime respected member of the company but not seen the last few years as he battled with illness. I attended and represented the company. The family was very pleased and thanked the company. May his soul be in the company of our departed Ancients.

Wednesday 5 February 2025 – High Tea w/ Consular General of UK

In our ongoing relations with the HAC and other foreign nations to assist future Captain Commanding with their FFDTD, my administration continues to attend events thrown by Consular Generals. My CG Liaison Cpl. George King is an expert on these matters. The Honorable David Clay is new to his post and extremely inquisitive about the AHAC. Having spent some time at various social gatherings, we were invited to High Tea at his residence on Beacon Hill. Several Ancients attended along with other CG's and Marvin, our WWII Normandy veteran. The AHAC presented the CG with Beefeater Sergeant golf balls

and a framed photo taken at Newport Polo during an Ancient's event. I look forward to David's company at June Day.

Saturday 8 February 2025 – Lincoln House Hingham, MA.

Second Lieutenant Robert Collins, Lt. Gayle Thomas and members of the Color Guard performed honors representing the Ancients in the Town of Hingham, MA. This event has become an annual duty of our Honor Guard.

Monday 10 February 2025 – Guard of Honor, MA. Statehouse, Visit of King Abdallah, Jordan

Governor Healy made a request of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. As the Governor's official Honor Guard, 15 Ancients and 3 Past Commanders lined the stairs leading up to the Governor's Office and presented honors on the visit of the King of Jordan, King Abdallah. The National Guard presented honors outside the main entrance along with our 215th Army Band. The Governor thanked the Ancient's for a job well done.

Monday 10 February 2025 – Anniversary Committee, Standing Committee, Regular Meeting/Recruit and Retention Event

CC Fish in anticipation of a busy June Day has begun organizational meetings to ensure a smooth June Day operation. Immediately we proceeded into the Standing Committee Meeting to discuss several important company items, Litigation against Bourbon Orleans Hotel, Current and next year budget, Tax status, Assistant Secretary temporary position during medical leave of Exec. Sec. President Day status.

Following these meetings LT. James Littleton, Chairman, Recruit and Retention Committee conducted a very successful event. With a good deal of input from CC Fish and COS Captain George Morrison, PC the company hosted about 40 potential new members. At the conclusion of the event, many attendees were seen filling out applications. Program speakers included Captain Timothy Haraden, PC, LT. Gayle Thomas, Quartermaster, Col. James Littleton, R&R Committee, Col. Ron Barnes, Ten of Us. Brett Henry, Commissary Officer put out a great meal.

Several emails and phone calls have reminded me of several "Kick The Can" moments that need my attention. When I began my campaign for Second Lieutenant I made it a promise to fix or complete several unattended projects during my year as CC. I am focusing on medals and ribbons for both company merit and celebration of the 250th, appointment of a Sergeant Armorer and proper storage and maintenance of our twelve firearms owned by LT. Sonny MacDonald. Several years ago Sonny purchased and supplied twelve Baretta pistols for use at the annual Fall Shoot. Quartermaster Emeritus Colonel Lawrence Willwerth took custody and secures these pistols. For years these pistols have been a topic of discussion, the company examines from an insurance and liability standpoint. An attempt to create an Armorer Rule and Regulation has failed several times. I have appointed an Air Force veteran, firearms Instructor and armorer to my staff. I have promoted him to the rank of Master Sergeant and tasked him to manage the pistols. I will coordinate bonding, stipend and ownership issues upon my return from Florida. I am also currently finalizing plans to host ROTC cadet final year medals and award ceremonies in our armory. I now feel my preparations for President's Day are nearly complete, catering, head table and attendance lists are 98% finalized. The scheduled funeral for a departed Ancient and friend CW3 Christopher Peatridge have been communicated. I am saddened by his passing, he has been an amazing Ancient and most interesting human being. We met during a War Bird excursion in Hyannis

as he sat on the tarmac in his WWII Sub Chaser aircraft. Chris was an avid pilot and security expert. Our connection was First Sergeant Fred Shelton, another great Ancient and fellow Sergeant. Fred was killed in an airplane crash while performing with the War Birds and is sorely missed.

First Lieutenant John Damiano will take command of the funeral on Monday 24 February 2025, as I will be away on my Captain's Cruise with about twenty other Ancients.

LT. Brian Kane, FinCom has been working on a project to improve our dues collection and internal company communications. Brian has informed me the program has passed the testing period and ready to go live. I have written an opening statement to introduce the program and ask members to relax, not get frustrated with new technology and register. Another major problem hopefully is resolved.

Monday 17 February 2025 – President's Day Luncheon

For 140 years the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company has conducted a President's Day event to commemorate the company's duties as a guard of honor for the groundbreaking of the Washington Monument. Through Rabbi Jonathon Hausman, Jewish War Veteran Chaplain and good friend, we were able to fly in from Detroit Michigan my guest speaker. A combat Air Force veteran, commander and amazing human being, BG Douglas "Odie" Slocum. A lot of running around, organizing entry lists, head table seating, event coordination and speeches kept me at high speed. Total guests, 104 with 28 head table guests. Representatives from all branches of service, politicians, state officials dined on amazing prime rib and appetizers. The highlights of the event included a proclamation from the City of Boston, presentation of the Saint Barbara medal to Rabbi/Colonel Laurence Bazer, AHAC Chaplain and Woody receiving his Honorary Doctorate Degree from Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Our guest speaker also presented an autographed book written by him describing his career to Woody. Following a patriotic singing of God Bless America, I ended the luncheon. Immediately following, the command staff and guest speaker travelled to the USS Constitution for a VIP tour. BG Slocum was rung aboard and shown a very in depth tour from stem to stern. Our group was very cold and hungry and in preparation for the general's flight, dinner at the Union Oyster House. My aide LT. Coan delivered the general to the airport and got me back to my car. Another great day with so many compliments from our members, I can now go on my Captain's cruise and relax.

Saturday 22 February 2025 – Saturday 1 March 2025 – Captain's Cruise

Snow and cold weather in Boston was left behind as 46 Ancient's and guests travelled to West Palm Beach to celebrate my Spring Fling. LT. Shervin Hawley, my Travel Officer coordinated a week of cruising aboard the Celebrity Apex. An added suprize was the invitation by our own Colonel Bill Trigonig on Friday morning. Several folks were invited to sail, prior to the cruise on Bill's 101 Foot yacht, breakfast, lunch and amazing ocean views included. In celebration of my cruise, Bill threw a party at his Palm Garden estate in the evening. An absolutely incredible home was the backdrop to a pre cruise celebration. Saturday morning travelers arrived by bus from West Palm Beach, I arrived by personal vehicle to the cruise port. Our guests were properly welcomed by myself, Shervin and his lovely wife Carie. The ship departed sharply at 3:30PM, let the adventure begin. Several highlights included a private reception in Bill Tragonig's suite located above the ship's bridge, an Ancient's flag raising with the ship's captain. An unusual and unheard of practice by ships following Maritime Law, flying a foreign flag while at sea. We as Ancients flew our flag in lieu of the Malta Registryflag. A private tour of the bridge and on the last night a farewell party. Both ship's captains attended, presented our flag with staff

officer signatures, received two AHAC caps and posed for many pictures. I personally thanked the ship and crew for a magnificent cruise, the Ancient's and guests for supporting my cruise and everyone danced and dined the night away. On a sad note, LT. Larry Knowles, a lovely man and great Ancient passed away. Larry had been struggling with a medical condition but fought bravely. Sadly, he passed and will be sorely missed. While away on the cruise BG Driscoll attended the National Guard Association US Open House representing his CASA position and the Ancients. In order to promote the Ancients and to recruit future members, I authorized a solicitation in the program which allowed a display at the convention. BG Driscoll reported a favorable turnout and potential new members. Also working on a separate event, LT. John Mitchell, my Special Events and 250th Anniversary Liaison in conjunction with Massachusetts Masons created and hosted in our armory the 250th anniversary of MG Joseph Warren's oration regarding the Boston Massacre. On Thursday 6 March 2025, many guests attended the oration ceremony in our armory. On my behalf, Second Lieutenant Robert Collins accepted several gifts for display in our armory. On another front, on Thursday 6 March 2025, CPL. DR. George King, my Consular General Liaison attended on my behalf an invitation to the Consular General of Great Britain's home for a 250th celebration. I was not present at these events as I was completing my vacation in Florida following the cruise. I have been extremely busy with company matters and find it difficult to truly rest. I only hope no emergency arises calling me back to Boston.

Our company takes pride in its membership and memorializes those who served with distinction, Captain Thomas Hudner, CMH served his nation and our company for many years, passing three years ago. The United States Navy commissioned a ship in his memory and the Ancients played a major role. On Thursday 13 March 2025 the USS Thomas Hudner (DDG116) will visit Boston, docking at Black Falcon Pier. In celebration, the AHAC will host the Captain and Officers in the Captain's Quarters with Tom's model Corsair Fighter Jet at the center conference table. Captain Dan May, PC will be OIC for this event. On Monday 7 April at our First Spring Meeting, I will present this donated model, a gift from LT. Lou D'Auria KM, a very distinct member of the company. The USS Hudner crew was so moved by the welcome they invited the command staff and Naval Committee to attend a Saturday night cocktail reception onboard the USS Hudner. I stressed the commitment by the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company and its commitment to our role and pledge during the commission, preservation of the ship, her crew and families. While I am in Florida and in contact with the Korean War Veterans National Commander, my friend and neighbor, I will assist setting up a USS Hudner event in Mayport, FL. Her base of operation. I spoke directly to the Captain of the ship and arranged a luncheon and presentation on 26 March 2025 at 11:30 AM. There are several Marines who served in Korea in the Chosin and are members of the Chosin Few, President, Col. Weidhan USMC who requested this event. Unfortunately during the ships return to Florida, she was activated. Cam, her Captain called me assuring every attempt to reach Florida would be made. I am proud to report activation did not stop her return for the event. Tour, lunch and ceremony, this event will never be forgotten.

Wednesday 26 March 2025 – Ten of Us Man of the Year Dinner

I was honored to attend a very exciting celebration of two long serving members of the company. LT. Ralph Kane and BG Frank LaBolita. A full night of food and entertainment followed by a roast, presented by Captain Gerard McCarthy PC. A long roast was finally halted by a loud crowd as the paid comedian was waiting his turn and finally performed. I left early just prior to the raffle as I had a scheduled medical appointment early on Thursday.

Sunday 30 March 2025, Monday 31 March 2025 – Wake and Funeral Captain John Rocco

Senior Life Member, Captain John Rocco of Everett, Massachusetts passed away on 21 March 2025 at the young age of 91 years. Captain Rocco entered the company on 20 September 1993. A wake was held at Rocco and Sons Funeral Home, church services at St. Anthony in Everett, burial at Forest Hills Cemetery, Lynnfield. Twelve members of the company led by Captain Commanding Fish presented honors and represented our company in excellent fashion. May John rest in peace.

Monday 7 April 2025, Hotel Walkthrough and Spring Meeting

In preparation for June Day and to get the operational staff and new First Sergeant familiar with hotel layout, we conducted a 1300 Hours walkthrough of hotel and banquet facilities. LT. Sonny MacDonald along with my PAO, Color Guard NCOIC examined the layout for tables, band and color placements. Many questions were asked and answered, but still concern on use of the 15th floor Executive Suite. I have worked hard to make next year's incoming comfortable and fiscally sound as we still struggle for Sergeants Group recruitment.

Our Spring meeting was expected to be extremely busy. I had in advance lined up our regular business with two additional major programs. Prior to the meeting I scheduled training for new members wishing to be sworn in. In keeping with my directive according to Rules and Regulations, members must be trained before being sworn in. On this date both my Quartermaster and Training Officer were away. I scheduled a training at 1700 Hours with myself and Sergeant Robert Duval instructing. Looking back last year when I was Training Officer under Captain Commanding Tim Haraden, I promised a uniformed training manual. During this command year I completed the task by using past training manuals, why recreate the wheel. I utilized this manual at this training session and it was successful. I will now pass this to next year's command and hopefully utilized in the future.

Prior to the regular meeting we conducted two important meetings where much company business was conducted. The Standing Committee dealt with finance, rules changes and waivers regarding candidates. The Anniversary Committee was updated on June Day operations. I submitted to the Executive Secretary and the Adjutant the list of Officers of the Day and Officers of the Guard. In the near future I will conduct a meeting of these folks to streamline duties and concept of operations.

Thursday 10 April 2025 – Candidate for Second LT. Ron Barnes Reception

LT. Joseph Markey hosted a reception at Victory Point Restaurant owned by a great Ancient LT. Donato Frattaroli, my Deputy Functions Officer. All reports came back as an exceptional event. I unfortunately strained my back painting my deck between nasty weather days. I called and congratulated Col. Ron Barnes.

Friday 11 April 2025 – Canadian Naval Ship Welcoming/West Point New England Assoc. Dinner

What a fantastic start to a Saturday, welcoming a Canadian Naval ship alongside Commissioner of Veteran Affairs, Robert Santiago and finishing with West Point Military Academy. Before I talk about these events I must talk about Friday 11 April 2025. The United States Navy conducted a Change of Command in our armory which has become a popular backdrop for all branches of the service. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company has worked hard to promote our museum and library and

welcome military personnel to conduct operations, showing off our amazing history and valuable museum collections. What has been an ongoing eyesore in the museum, broken display cases and temporary storage of artifacts in the curator's office. The Museum and Library Committee has made every effort to seek funding to fix this problem. During several Standing Committee meetings, I have made it clear and authorized temporary company funding until grant money is received. The contractor will come once and must complete the project no matter the cost. The contractor chose the date of the change of command. Thankfully he completed the project with no interruption of the ceremonies. Now back to Saturday. Both myself, Commissioner Santiago, a member of the Ancients, greeted the Executive Officer of the ship. He conducted a tour and brought us to the Captain's Quarters for coffee and conversation. Matthew Wong, Public Affairs Officer of the Canadian Consulate arranged the welcome. What made this greeting important was the current state of political events. America and Canada's tariff negotiations have led to political friction. The Canadian military continues its joint operations with America and relations must remain strong and committed. I was honored to sit with Commissioner Santiago and exchange open feelings and strong Boston relations with the Canadian crew. Halifax and Boston are united and committed to support each other. I truly believe upon leaving the ship a very strong bond and committed message will be carried back to Canadian leadership.

I proceeded to our armory to prepare for a very special event which was suggested by our two West Point members, Colonel James Weigel and Col. Raoul. I was proud to authorize the West Point Society of New England, Founder Days Dinner, celebrating the 223rd Anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy. LT. Chuck Fazio addressed the group as I stood tall thanking West Point for visiting our great company. The Commandant of West Point conducted his welcome of VIP and future cadets in the Captain's Quarters with many thanks and never ending photographs. What an amazing event with many requests for future use of the armory. LT. Brett Henry, Commissary Officer and his amazing staff served the most delicious meal.

Saturday 12 April 2025 – First Muster Salem

In usual Ancient tradition, orders were sent to the company to report to the Salem Common 0930 hours in parade uniform with foul weather gear. There have been few pleasant days over the years in early April, the historic day the event occurred in 1637, 388 years ago. Snow, rain, wind and low temperature did not stop a large group of Ancients from attending. The event was shortened, quick political speech, no military aircraft, low clouds, wind and proper field coordination of the troops cut the program by 15 minutes. Breakfast by LT. Kelly Landolphi, a prominent Salem attorney and a final post event cocktail donated by Candidate for Second Lieutenant Ron Barnes ended a fantastic ceremony. Our company member and Adjutant General of Massachusetts during his Pass and Review thanked the company for looking sharp.

Monday 14 April 2025 – US Army Band Meeting/Willard Family Meeting/Fleet Officer General Staff Call

A very busy day in the armory. I met LT. John Mitchell, Special Events Liaison to discuss Lexington 250th post parade event and to meet the US Army Band from FT. Meade, Washington DC. The band will be performing at July 4th Hatch Shell concert and the Bunker Hill 250th. I am also trying to have them participate in June Day 2025. Following a great armory tour and discussion, I moved onto the Willard National Family Gathering. Reverend Willard and his descendants have been present since this countries founding. From King Phillip War, Concord/Lexington to present. Reverend Willard wrote an Ode to June Day during the time of the American Revolution. The Ancients have printed many copies for distribution

at the "Shot Heard Around the World "event. I will have the Willard Family speak and present a hard bound copy to our museum and library. Following a talk by me, museum lecture and reading of the ode by Reverend Willard, I moved on to a phone meeting. I have authorized the use of the Captains Quarters for a gathering of Fleet Officers and General Officers. This is their annual group meeting, Brett Henry, Commissary Officer will cater the event. I have been invited to attend as well as my command staff.

Monday 14 April 2025 – Hotel Food Tasting/Captain's Continuity Meeting

Several months ago I scheduled a combination dinner meeting at the new venue for June Day. Last year Captain Timothy Haraden PC, hosted the first meeting and all agreed, a worthy endeavor. I called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and began business. The hotel staff in conjunction with my agenda, ate and accomplished necessary company business. Following a meeting with the hotel chef and a final agreement on food menu, we concluded with a goodnight cocktail and departed. During the same time period the Society of Past Captains met for their annual dinner meeting. Based on information received from the society, my own observations and recommendations from my staff, I cancelled the June Day Encampment. I will only state I am heartbroken. It was my intention to celebrate 387 years of troops drilling on Boston Common, providing the city with museum like colonial military activities.

Friday 18 April 2025 – Old North Church, Lantern Ceremony, 250 years

Following an invitation from the Old North Church, an annual invitation, myself and Chief of Staff, George Morrison accepted the invitation. I invited the Command Staff but both were unavailable. Joining us were my Public Affairs Officer, LT. Barton Hyte and the Commissioner of Veteran Affairs, Robert Santiago. What happened at the ceremony was totally unexpected and never to be forgotten. The new Bishop of the Episcopal Church and the Reverend DR. Matthew Cadwell invited us for pre event snacks and then lined us up in order of procession into the completely packed church. Thousands of spectators gathered around the outside of the church. On the rear plaza of the church, Massachusetts Masons and the 250th committee conducted a major celebration and patriotic performance. Following photos of our Ancients with various dignitaries, the procession began, Ancients in the lead escorted by the Lexington Minutemen. What I did not expect was the front dignitary box directly next to the pulpit.

As we entered the box, Secretary of State Galvin, British/American Business Association President welcomed us and I was escorted the most forward chair designated for honored guests. Seated to my right was the British Consular General and Assistant Consular General. The Ancients were acknowledged from the pulpit and a beautiful lantern ceremony kicked off the American Revolution.

Saturday 19 April 2025 – Concord/Lexington Parades and "Shot Heard Around the World" Event

Early morning wakeup and on the road for an extremely busy day. Because of the unknown security protocols in place for potential dignitary security, I assigned Captain Gerard McCarthy PC as OIC for Concord. About 12 Ancients represented the company at the Concord battle site and parade. All reports came back positive with the Ancients proudly displaying our patriotism and military heritage. As for our Lexington contingent of about 40 personnel, we reported to the Scottish Rite Museum for a continental breakfast. The Massachusetts Masons and Ancients shared an amazing 250th "Shot Heard Around the World" post program and late lunch. Following lunch all attendees were ushered into the auditorium where the celebration commenced. LT. Mitchell chaired the program and called for the posting of colors. CPL. George King and your Captain Commanding sang the National Anthem. Several speakers

educated the group on the history of the Scottish Rite Museum its museum artifacts and history of the Battle of Concord and Lexington. The Willard Family spoke of the family history and spoke of the prayer service written by Reverend Willard during the King Phillip Wars. I presented to the guests a printed copy of the service prayer read to the Ancients at June Day 1676. To relate the Willard Family story further with Concord/Lexington, Captain Willard, a Concord Militia officer was the only casualty on the Old North Bridge on 19 April 1775. Our guest speaker, Major General Bill Rapp, former West Point and Army War College Commander, spoke of the true factual record of the British Regulars and Colonial Militias as they entered into that fateful morning initiating our American Revolution. It was an honor to thank all those who created the program, attended the program. I presented MG Rapp with our Captain Keayne statue, another amazing program in the books. The conclusion to a long day was the SAR Banquet at the Burlington Marriott Hotel. LT. Mitchell and Major Fish attended, were acknowledged and proudly represented the Ancient and Honorable Artillery as the long planned Concord/Lexington 250th ended.

Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Regular Meeting

The regular meeting normally scheduled for Monday 21 April was moved due to Patriots Day and the parade. The day was a special day to conduct a walkthrough of Grand Lodge to ensure a smooth June Day Memorial Service. It was so pleasing to see all the responsible parties present. The prayer service, readings and discussion of music were all agreed upon. At the conclusion, I walked back to Faneuil Hall to conduct a Standing Committee meeting which moved along quicker than any past meetings this command year. I had been planning all year for the ROTC Awards presentations in our armory. With the help of LTC Cathy Corkery, Military Support and two new company members, the program was successful. In addition to the regular meeting, Cpl. King arranged a WWII photographic shoot with four Consular Generals, two WWII veterans and Command Staff. This photograph will be presented to the museum for display. Both WWII veterans are 98 and 100 respectfully and should be celebrated as they have participated in several of my company events focused on military history and its preservation.

Wednesday 23 April 2025 – Saturday 26 April 2025 – ST. Georges Dinner, London England

Early morning Wednesday with very little sleep after a long Monday night meeting, the four Command Staff officers met at Logan Airport for a journey across the pond. For too many years Captain Commanders have taken anyone other than immediate staff to the annual dinner sponsored by the HAC. In the five years I have progressed not once was I invited. In following proper tradition we attended and properly represented the company. Upon arrival we were transported in a modern Mercedes limo van to our hotel across the street from Armory House. On Thursday we walked the city exploring and had wonderful dealings with the City of London Police. Our First Lieutenant absolutely required a pint of Guinness and Fish and Chips. We were all in need of the same and discovered a nice English pub by the Thames. Following lunch and touring it was time to prepare for the HAC, ST. Georges Banquet. We were met by Boston Society representative, Major Ian Sivyer, who led us to a rooftop bar for pre-dinner G&T's. Now the time arrived to check in with the HAC at Armory House. Armory House resembles a medieval castle with separate buildings stretching the parade grounds. All total about 20 acres of land surrounded by Artillery Guns and guarded gates. Because the HAC is an active military company, full security measures are in place. We were greeted at the door by HAC personnel wearing their traditional military uniforms. After checking in and signing the official book with photograph, I conducted a presentation in the Medal Room, a room full of glass door cabinets displaying member

medals earned during active service throughout HAC history. I was proud to present programs from America's 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. I signed and documented each item for museum display in the HAC Armory. As part of the honored guests I was paraded into the head table seating with the warmest of clapping. General Sir Roly Walker, KCB, DSO, ADC General was seated to my right as President, HAC, Presiding. Following introductions and lots of camaraderie dinner was served in courses. Lots of HAC private stock wine and port was served. Several toasts were presented with a charge accompanied by the HAC Band. Following dinner, British Grenadiers entered the hall with full regalia, tall fur caps you see them wearing with the Royals and musical instruments. Guests were encouraged to sing, Rule Britannia! Jerusalem, Land of Hope and Glory. What a glorious moment of singing, clapping and cheering. Many attendees stood on their chairs, including me, stomach full, thirst quenched and emotions very high, singing at the top of my lungs, a very proud Captain Commanding. Dinner concluded, we were ushered out and the after dinner schmoozing commenced until 3:30AM in the Drum Room. What is important is of course the brotherhood between the HAC and Ancients but more important, I held a fired canon ball from the Battle of Bunker Hill. We will be celebrating the 250th Anniversary in late June. Very little sleep brought on a new day of Grand Lodge England visit and tour, absolutely amazing. I presented the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons England with our Grand Master Massachusetts 250th Anniversary coin. Our group then moved onto some pub crawling as First Lieutenant John Damiano craved Fish and Chips. While we toured around Merry Old England we stopped to visit several famous sites and had the pleasure of chatting with London's finest Bobbies. A walk along the Thames led us back to Armory House. Two very special tours were arranged by SGM Hamus, HAC and LT. Col. Johnnie Longbotton, HAC. After a wonderful light lunch overlooking the Thames, Big Ben and Parliament House we proceeded to meet LT. Col Longbottom at Parliament for the most informative tour in true Ancient fashion. After visiting several historical rooms and attending a WWI Memorial service for fallen, Australian, New Zealand servicemen, we proceeded onto the floor of both Houses of Parliament. Friday is usually an off day but both houses were in session. The Ancients were escorted onto the floors of the House of Lords and House of Commons to watch English government in action. We were then taken to the private lounge for a cocktail followed by a private tour of the Royal Changing Room. This room is utilized only by royals and staff to prepare for events and addressing Parliament. A most amazing day and now off to the Tower of London to witness the King's Keys Ceremony. This ceremony has occurred for many hundreds of years by the Beefeaters and British Military. Basically a locking of all gates effectively closing the Tower to outside entry. A standing invitation has been given to the Ancients by the Beefeaters, when in England, please visit. Saturday arrived and now was the time to fly home to Boston. A luxury limo van transported the group to Heathrow where we had lunch, Fish and Chips and our departure.

Thursday 1 May 2025 – Judge Advocate General's Dinner

LT. Phillip Nesralla, appointed JAG Officer for my command year has been at my side advising me on all legal company matters. It has been a relatively quiet year outside of the Fall Field Day Tour of Duty hotel issue. The Bourbon Orleans Hotel kept to the attrition date per our contract and refused to negotiate needed changes. Our Standing Committee has authorized litigation and LT. Nesralla is working with a New Orleans attorney. One of the better events required by the company is the JAG Dinner. With a smaller number of attendees this year, twenty-five, the dinner was held in the Captain's Quarters. LT. Brett Henry catered an elegant and intimate dinner with MG Rapp speaking on the Battle of Bunker Hill. Many compliments were received regarding the use of the Captain's Quarters. I suggest to future

commanders, utilize our armory as a backdrop. Outside visitors are immersed in our history and want to return to get to know the company better. On a separate JAG issue which has been on my "Kick the Can" list, creating an Armorer Officer position and transfer of our eight Baretta pistols. For years now our former Quartermaster, now Emeritus Quartermaster has complained about care and maintenance of these firearms and his desire to transfer to a willing member. As the past years have attempted a rule creating an Armorer have failed, I was determined to succeed. I appointed a very capable member of the company as Armorer and supplied him with all the legal documentation to begin the transfer process. I was informed, all the insurance and required steps were complete according to a contract drafted by several company JAGs and ready to initiate. I have informed the Quartermaster Emeritus of this process and ordered all necessary parties to execute on Monday 5 May 2025, Nomination Night. To make sure the process is safely and correctly handled, I appointed my Second Lieutenant, Robert Collins, a trained and licensed firearms instructor, to oversee the process. My intent is to secure these firearms before the completion of my command. I also look forward to the passing of a new rule creating an Armorer Officer by command year end.

Monday 5 May 2025 – Nomination Night/June Day OD/OG/Standing Committee Meeting

It was a long but successful night with all notified company members attending. It was my intent to speak to all the officers and personnel involved in every aspect of June Day. Every detail of my concept of operations was discussed and agreed to. I am feeling confident our new parade route and venue will meet all the required needs of the company. Because of the continued FinCom pressure to keep expenses within my annual budget I must constantly stress a strict June Day program, by invitation only events. The history of members attending events uninvited will no longer occur on my watch. Following this meeting I conducted the Standing Committee meeting in conjunction with the long awaited transfer of Fall Shoot pistols. All pre-selected parties were present in the Captain's Quarters and directed to conduct business in the Executive Secretary's office. During the long Standing Committee meeting where rule changes were debated and voted upon, committee support or no support, a favorable transfer of pistols occurred. I was pleased to have the support of the presumptive incoming Captain Commanding, LT. Stephen Colella regarding the Armorer position and correcting a long time Fall Shoot custody of pistols. For the good of the company, I believe this situation was a serious legal issue with long term consequences if not corrected. The company now moved onto Nomination Night. With no opposition and all offices unopposed, nominations, acceptance speeches and a few announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Monday 12 May 2025 – Conference Call with Hotel and Paymaster/Nomination Night

June Day is quickly approaching and final numbers and programs must be settled with the hotel. With FinCom extremely worried about an overinflated budget and waste, I needed to carefully examine the hotel contract and dispel false figures. The meeting was very successful with all June Day programs and menus within a reasonable budget. We were able to get an extension on a final numbers date of Monday 19 May 2025. A concern of the final numbers count is due to the slow RSVP of outside delegations and the internal computer program glitch, hopefully solved before our June Day 2026.

At 17:20 sharp I called for the election night meeting to begin. After opening up the committee of the whole, BG Joseph Milano, most senior past commander designated First Lieutenant John Damiano as Chairman. The voting took place, four rule and regulation changes/additions all passed and seven Sergeants 2025/2026 were elected. Congratulations to the new First Sergeant Infantry, Keith

MacDonald. The meeting closed with great excitement for next year's team, hot dogs and chocolate ice-cream for all.

Thursday 15 May 2025 – Funeral CPL James Sarni

Five Ancients attended and provided a Guard of Honor for Cpl. James Sarni a Senior Life member of the company. An army veteran and very much respected member of the company. James entered th company in 1985 and passed on 7 May 2025. May he be in the loving arms of his brother Ancients.

Thursday 15 May 2025 – Sergeants End of Tour/Tripe Dinner Party

Port 305 Restaurant became the final sendoff location for our fine group of Lafayette Sergeants. Located on the water at Marina Bay, Dorchester, an amazing venue to celebrate both a final farewell by the Sergeants and a sendoff for the 316th Captain Commanding. It is unusual to combine two events but financially it seemed to accomplish FinCom's desire to cut the budget. I purchased a pan of tripe from Comellas Restaurant in Hingham and presented it as an appetizer along with our evening meal. I received nothing but rave reviews considering tripe is not a popular dish. The Sergeant's put on an excellent event with lots of gifts, speeches, a few tears, from me of course. The raffle was plentiful as many folks walked away with great prizes. The evening concluded with a cigar gathering in the Naval Memorial Plaza outside the restaurant. Lots of company business and personnel matters were settled with a strong drink and delicious cigar as the night concluded.

Thursday 22 May 2025 – Dress Rehearsal Battle of Bunker Hill

LT. John Mitchell assigned as Liaison to Special Events announced a dress rehearsal of the events of 16 and 17 June 2025. In preparation for two days of coordinated 250th anniversary Battle of Bunker Hill events, Chronicle, a popular television show requested they attend and film for an upcoming segment promoting the historical event. The Bunker Hill Association along with AHAC and Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Masons have organized these events over these last few years. Not unlike other 250th events, I have been actively involved in organizing with a focus on the company. Several future events will be occurring under new AHAC leadership and I must step aside and participate as a Past Commander. Incoming Captain Commanding Stephen Colella will be responsible for the scheduled June events. The eastern seaboard experienced a North Easter storm and forced the dress rehearsal inside Grand Lodge.

For the good of the company and to recognize incoming CC Colella's command, this year's command staff stood down and did not attend the rehearsal. The new command staff stood tall and Facebook postings looked great. The Bunker Hill Association will attend the company final meeting to continue our relationship in the new command year.

Monday 26 May 2025 – Memorial Day

Many years ago, do not remember the actual founding date of the Field of Flags on the Boston Common, I was the ceremonial bugler. The event has grown into an annual planting of flags as a memorial to the 37,000 lost souls serving our nation. On Memorial Day I have been honored to blow taps at several monuments around the commonwealth. Two memorial services have become my priority for many years, Field of Flags and First Corps of Cadets. With a few cracked notes, difficult bugle, old lips and still a little nervous anticipation I perform my duty. I look around for tears to measure my success, forget my

tears. My daughter Marissa, home from Fort Bliss on maternity leave, accompanied me and met my First Corps Association and active duty brothers and sisters. My final taps, Bugles Across America at 3:00P. Another solemn and memorable Memorial Day in the books.

Tuesday 27 May 2025 – Last Meeting of Command Year 2024/2025

Bitter but sweet can best describe my last meeting as Captain Commanding. The meetings schedule is busy but absolutely necessary in order to complete medal ceremonies and recognition of all those who served our company this year in commendable fashion. The Anniversary Committee will meet at 6:00P to finalize a complicated but exciting June Day. The Bunker Hill Association will meet on the 13 stairs for a photograph to commemorate the 250th anniversary, Battle of Bunker Hill. Our Curator LT. Chuck Fazio will remove two swords, Colonel Prescott and Colonel Popkin's as well as Major General Joseph Warrens vest to be held by members in the photograph. This gathering for the photograph will help to promote the 16/17 June 2025, 250th anniversary Battle of Bunker Hill ceremonies and strengthen the Bunker Hill Association and Ancient bonds.

Friday 30 May 2025 – Arrival of 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Uniform Badges

Last year prior to my June Day swearing in as the 316th CC I began an initiative with LT. Shervin Hawley, Five future Captain Commanding, Standing Committee and Military Support Committee. The intention was to create a fitting uniform badge to be worn by active company members to commemorate the eight years of the revolution. With submission of designs to the committees and what I believed was approval, I asked Shervin Hawley to design and send a proposal to the company. The year passed with no movement and I began pushing other future CC's to contact Shervin and complete a design. January 2024 began the process and with great push, 100 completed badges were sent. I truly was excited to receive them and now needed to distribute by June Day. In my excitement I rushed to sell them for a cost of $55.00 to be worn at June Day Change of Command. What I failed to do was follow proper Rules and Regulations regarding company purchases. While I had support of all future commanders, I did not have support of FinCom. FinCom controls the expenditures of the company and rightfully demanded proper procedures. I did not distribute badges as I realized cooler heads prevail. I spoke with FinCom and we will review the process and move forward slowly and methodically.

Saturday 31 May 2025 - 400th Anniversary Plymouth Canon Dedication

Captain Commanding Nick Schiarizzi was tasked prior to COVID to create probably the most intense and complicated operation of any past commander. Plymouth, Massachusetts was about to celebrate her 400 years of history. The Honorable Artillery Company of London and the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, sister companies were tasked with building a canon, placing the canon and finally dedicating a Guernsey canon. The name of this canon was the Quadricentennial Falcon to be placed at the cemetery site above Plymouth Harbor. The event was scheduled to be an international event with several international leaders, three former Presidents of the United States, several military organizations and a vast number of historical military commands. Suddenly across the world COVID destroyed any plans to hold this event. What I learned recently was how truly devastating this cancellation affected the spirit of our Captain and of course the event chairman, LT. John Mitchell. I was proud to hear of the smaller but most significant rebirth of the 400 event during my command year. Like so many other unresolved issues needing repair during my year, this was most important. It was my honor and duty to make sure it was understood, this event is under the command of Captain Schiarizzi. I believe it the duty

of any sound commander to properly honor and acknowledge the continuity of past unfinished events and let its leadership conclude that business. Early Saturday morning many Ancients, HAC, Pilgrim Guard and historical associations gathered at Plymouth Town Hall, conducted an amazing commemoration of the Pilgrims arrival to the new world. The key players were acknowledged and spoke of the canon, Captain Nick and LT. John Mitchell enlightened the room with personal stories and so pleased at the turnout of participants to finally conclude this significant event. A parade was formed outside Plymouth Town Hall, marching up the hill into the cemetery and positioning in front of the canon, overlooking Plymouth Harbor. Musket fire and speeches preceded the unveiling with lots of group photographs to conclude the event. Captain Nick and I exchanged a warm and hearty hug, tears in both our eyes as Nick's long awaited Plymouth 400 was now part of the history books.

Sunday 1 June 2025 – Battle of Bunker Hill Association/AHAC/HAC/City of Boston Ceremony

LT. John Mitchell, Chairman of the 250th Committee and my 250th Special Events Liaison, coordinated a special gathering at the Bunker Hill Monument. As the 250th Battle of Bunker Hill anniversary fast approaches, 16/17 June 2025, leaders of all participatory groups needed to gather to celebrate the bonds between nations. A long bloody and treacherous war tore friends and family apart. Today we celebrate the greatest of nations, greatest of friends and allies on this date 1 June 2025. Today the HAC representing the United Kingdom was received by the City of Boston as a true friend and ally of the City. A proclamation was read aloud by the Commissioner of Veteran Affairs, "Today 1 June 2025 is now Honorable Artillery Company Day in Boston".

Sunday 1 June 2025 – June Day Rehearsal on Boston Common

Early Sunday morning since 1638 the Ancients along with visiting historical militias gather on the Boston Common for training. In modern times we gather for coffee and donuts, then we rehearse for Monday's Drum Head election and Change of Command. A smaller than usual crowd gathered but all the necessary players were present and practiced under the watchful eye of the Sergeant Major, Michael Drummy and Adjutant, BG John Driscoll. The new Centennial Sergeants presented a tasty breakfast and presented their program for June Day. My Lafayette Sergeants were jovial and quite relieved after a busy year of service.

Sunday 1 June 2025 – Governors Dinner and Reception

During the course of my command year budget was always the bone of contention, my debacle with the Bourbon Orleans in New Orleans. FinCom has been monitoring and demanding accountability for June expenditures. I have worked closely with FinCom and cut from the budget significant funds. A main issue at June Day every year is overspending on food and beverage. Uninvited members and guests feel they belong in VIP receptions and raise the final bill well beyond the budget. I have been warned multiple times, do not let this happen. My year has been full of downright pushback and negativity, why? Because I operate out of the box, operate at high efficiency and create events not in the traditional program. This small group of "Crumudgens" does not represent the majority of my supporters and now have been shown the true meaning "For the good of the company". FinCom are very tough characters but definitely act for the company's benefit. I must apologize to all those who were turned away at the June Day events. I had to ensure my VIP lists were accurate, placed in the capable hands of my Officer of the Day and his assistants and followed. The Governors Dinner followed a very pleasant cocktail reception. The Past Commanders came out in record numbers participating in speeches, publically

supporting my actions this command year. I felt very confident my planning for Monday's events would now go smoothly. Another major concern was the Sergeant's Suite on the Executive Floor of the hotel. When I stepped from the elevator on floor 15, the noise, the food and drink, the crowd were overwhelming. I received a thumbs up from the First Sergeant, June Day was underway.

Monday 2 June 2025 – June Day Operations

A beautiful sunny and mild temperature day was a gift from heaven. The command staff and other selected military personnel gathered in the adjacent park for morning Reveille. What a great start to the day. A full breakfast was served to the troops in the Sergeant's Suite and I provided a Captain's Breakfast. My Boston Police Liaison, Sergeant Joseph Harris and LT. Stephen Dacorta had arranged several motorcycles for traffic and escort duty for the day. LT. Joseph Regan, Executive Secretary arranged limousine and bus transportation. At 9:15 AM we boarded the limousines and with lights and siren were escorted to our two locations for wreath laying and photographs. Following tradition, my Chief of Staff read the memorials to Captain Keayne and President Kennedy.

As per our company tradition, a full spread lunch was provided in the armory by Commissary Officer LT. Brett Henry. In advance of the daytime ceremonies it was my honor to perform two significant events in my last official day in the Captain's Quarters, a swearing in of four new members and a medal ceremony for three well deserved company members. The Meritorious Service Medal is the highest medal the Ancients bestow. I was proud to look into the eyes of these gentlemen as I pinned on the medal.

The bugle calls echoed through the armory, time to report down on North Street to commence the June Day parade. Our National Anthem was played. I took the lead position as we marched passed all the visiting delegations as I rendered my final salutes as Captain Commanding. Our first stop was the traditional military memorial service at Grand Lodge of Masons. A lot of work and dedication given by the Grand Master and his staff made this memorial extremely special. Sitting in Corinthian Hall surrounded by portraits of both American patriots and masons, an amazing tribute to our fallen, taps and prayers concluded the ceremony. All attendees exited Grand Lodge and reformed the parade on the street below. The parade proceeded back into the Boston Common, proper salutes rendered and final positions on the field awaiting our Governor.

I now must go back and tell the story of our narrator, BG Emory Maddox. For many years Emory has emceed the Change of Command ceremony. His voice and historical knowledge of the company made for a great June Day. Early Monday morning I received phone calls, Emory took ill and was transported to the hospital. Two stressful thoughts hit me, Emory's condition and who can narrate. I scrambled to put a list together for potential candidates weighing positive and negative attributes. I reflected back on the words of wisdom given the day before by my Chief of Staff, Captain George Morrison PC, I have been challenged on my decisions but in the end proven right. I chose LT. Chuck Fazio, Curator, I chose wisely, he performed in exemplary fashion.

The troops were in position awaiting the Governors arrival. I stood in my designated position in front of all the troops as the Emcee described the day's outline of events and introductions of the incoming and outgoing command staff. The time arrived and the crowd became anxious as the warnings for loud gunfire were echoed through the crowds. Suddenly, nineteen loud Artillery shots were fired with heavy smoke carrying through the crowd. Many military commands were called by the Adjutant as I prepared to review the troops with the Governor and Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard,

Major General Gary Keefe. As I proceeded towards the awaiting troops, Governor Healey requested we not shorten the inspection, in fact, let's celebrate our 250th and make a proper inspection. MG Keefe agreed and we trooped the lines in proper military fashion. I was moved as I was able to properly acknowledge all military forces present for the Change of Command and June Day elections. Once back in my proper position in front of the troops, election results were read and I was signaled to approach the Governor and resign my command. Following an exchange of pleasantries and photographs with family and friends, I retired back into the ranks of the troops on the field. I was done with a long and busy five years and now ready to retire. I had only two more responsibilities, running and speaking at the evening banquet and a final accounting to close out my annual budget.

As I told you at the beginning of this long tale, COVID truly created havoc for this company. When I finally contracted with both hotel and Club Royale I was ready for action. My Lieutenant's Ball showed the company my command year was going to be exciting and busy. My June Day banquet was going to be new and way out of the box. LT. Barton Hyte, my PAO Chairman is a showman. His background in photography and auctioneering make him an artistic and ingenious man. Barton has been a longtime friend and great supporter having also suffered at the hands of the "Crumugians". Barton and his son have been collecting photos and video all year long in order to present a production at June Day. The Club Royale working with Barton created digital work boards and large digital screen onstage to display the pictures and at the AHAC toast a five- minute video production. Mission accomplished. An amazing head table with many General Staff Officers, Consular General, State and Local leaders, politicians, 383 total attendees, we ate, drank, listened to speeches and toasts. My guest speaker, Colonel Geoff Nobles, Commander of the Massachusetts State Police emotionally charged the crowd with his Esprit d' Corps message. Many other special VIP guests included my partner from 9/11, Colonel Julie Hall USAF, Vincent, a wounded warrior Special Forces and his dad Jeff, two great friends, Mindy and Oscar, my health care coordinator from WTC 9/11 health services. An evening of fine dining, good drink, lots of military tradition came to an end with a rendition of God Bless America. Ian Sivyer, HAC, LT. Steve Coan, Anthony Ottomano and SGM Michael Drummy attended a final toast in my suite. Ian gifted a fine 250th celebration MacCallan's single malt in honor of my year. What a fine way to close out a truly memorable year.

My final message to my beloved Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts.

I was honored to serve. I will continue to serve. May God Bless our city, state and nation.

May this final record and memoirs be a delightful read to all and to all a good night.

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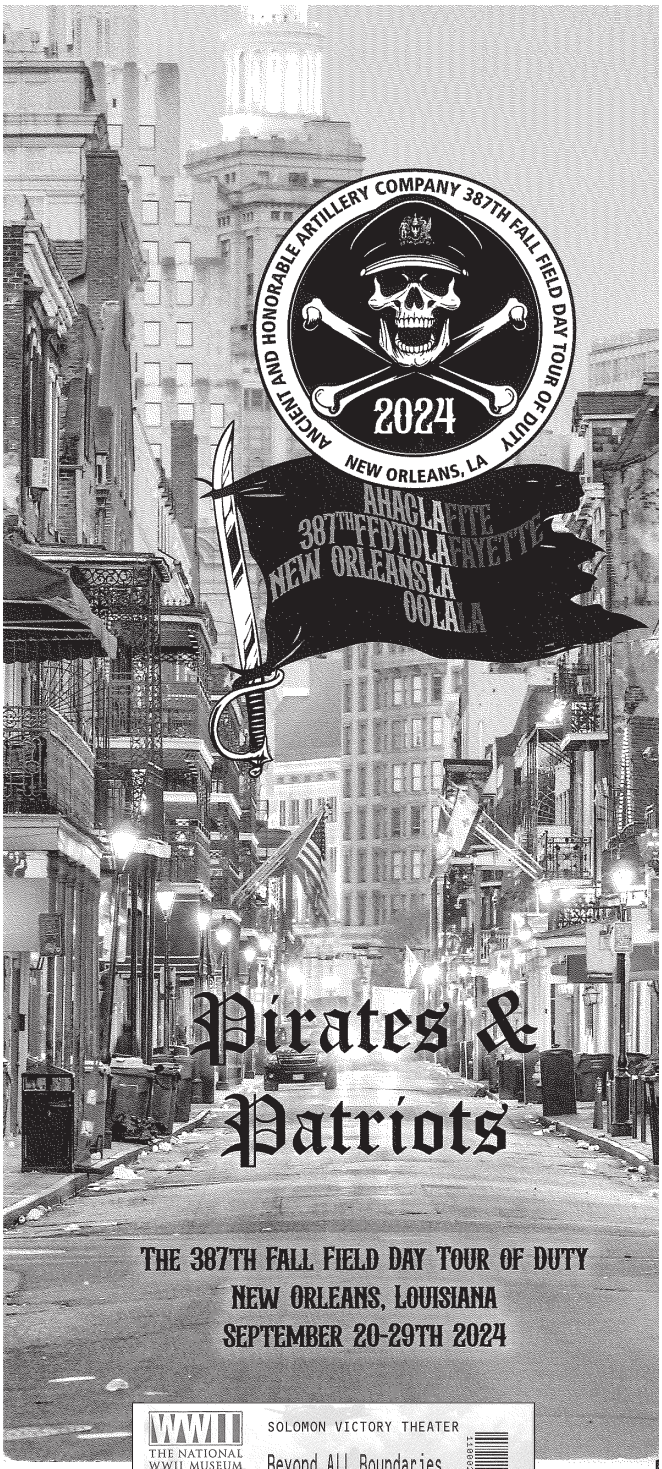
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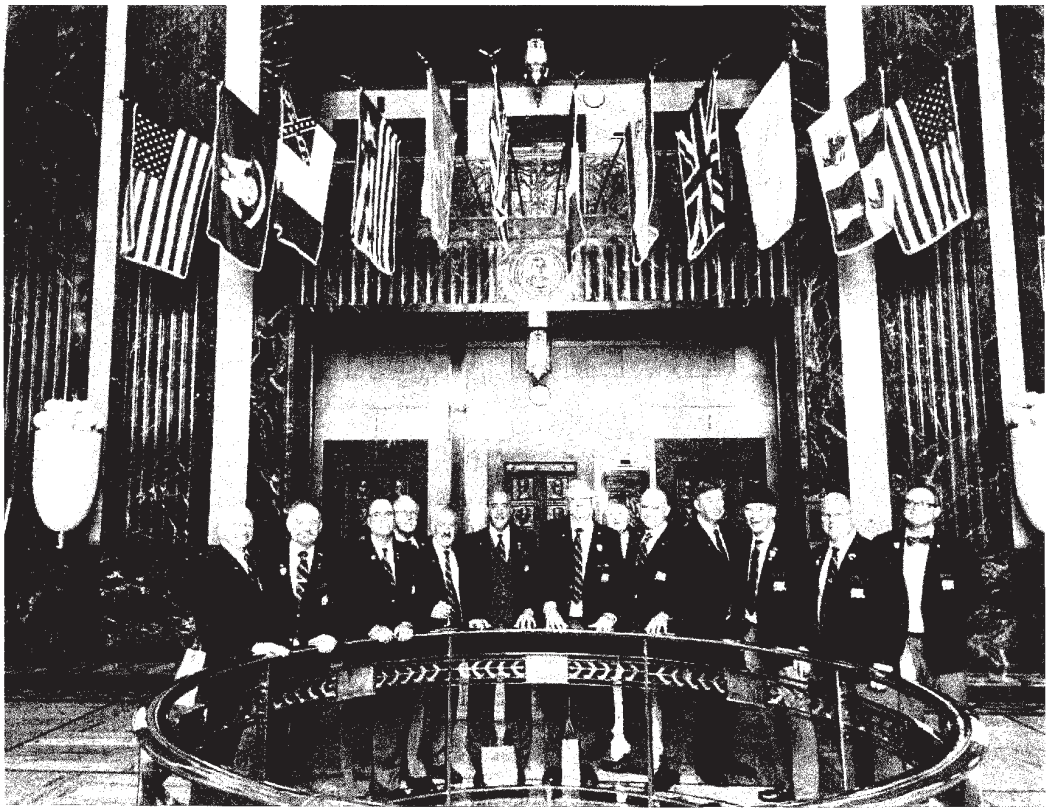

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FFDTD Banquet
Prayer
Monday, September 23, 2024

Gracious and Loving God

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As we gather around these tables, we give thanks for the blessings of friendship, freedom, and courage – as Americans, as Ancients, and friends across the sea. We honor the spirit of the Marquis de Lafayette, a true champion of liberty and justice, who dedicated his life to the cause of independence and unity.

May his legacy inspire our Company to stand for what is right, to embrace our shared humanity, and to work tirelessly for a brighter future for our nation and world. Bless this meal, and may it nourish our bodies as Lafayette's ideals nourish our souls.

In gratitude and unity, we pray.

Amen.

Military Banquet
Guest Speaker: Jerry Strahan, Author
Monday, September 23, 2024

In September 1943, as the U.S. Task Force attacked Marcus Island in the Pacific and General Douglas MacArthur's forces captured Salamaua, New Guinea the American Navy totaled 14,072 vessels. 12,964 of these boats, representing 92 percent of all Navy craft, were designed by Higgins Industries, Incorporated of New Orleans. 8,865 were built at Higgins' New Orleans plants.

Founder and president of this remarkable company was Andrew Jackson Higgins. Higgins was an outspoken, rough-cut, hot-tempered Irishman with an incredible imagination and the ability to turn wild ideas into reality. He hated bureaucratic red tape, loved good bourbon, and was the sort that tended to knock down anything that got in his way.

1. Born Aug. 28, 1886
2. First boat age 12
3. Higgins not your normal industrialist.
   a) Schooner - logs in France
   b) During Prohibition built boats for the rum runners, etc.
   c) Starts Higgins Industries – 1930 to build shallow draft workboats. Running up the seawall.
   d) In January 1939, just eight months prior to the start of the war in Europe, the United States had a total of 19 personnel landing craft.
   e) Build LCM in 61 hours. The Navy wants 10 LCMs and as

many LCVPs as possible and deliver them to Norfolk, VA within two weeks.

f) Needs steel, engines, place to build the boats – the racket was destroying romance, lastly needs bronze shafting. He delivered the LCMs and 21 LCVP.

During the war Higgins company encompassed seven plants and employed over 20,000 workers. His facilities occupied more than 100 million square feet of which 5 million were under roof. They produced over 64 different products. At the peak of production, 69 train cars a day, containing 2,427 tons of material, unloaded their freight at Higgins three main boat plants. During a 15-month period 25,779 freight cars delivered over 910,000 tons of material to the three plants. Higgins plants produced 20, 094 boats for the Allied war effort. An incredible feat for a company that had only 50 workers in 1937.

Museum:

LCVP: recovered plans, Duckworth Jerry, then Haddock, McDerby, and Loyd Lovitt. Plywood from Greece. Haddock help oversee the construction, Loyd Lovitt inspected the boat,

McDerby put it on the beach, then at an official ceremony Higgins granddaughter Gayle Higgins Merrick christened it, and Archbishop Philip Hannan blessed the LCVP, and the Coast Guard officially designated it a USCG vessel for a day. We considered it the last boat off the assembly line.

LCPL: 2001 an original 36-foot Higgins LCPL was discovered still floating in a San Francisco harbor. The Museum was able to acquire it and the same group of volunteers restored it

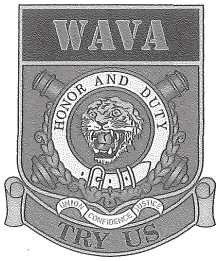
The Museum was able to acquire PT 305 from the Defenders of America Naval Museum in Galveston, Texas. The boat needed a complete overhaul. The engines, props, gun turrets, torpedoes, and most metallic parts were missing. The hull was in poor condition, the deck had to be replaced, and the deck house was missing. It took a decade, 105 volunteers and more than 120,000 hours to restore her. We used 39,000 copper rivets and 40,000 bronze screws on the hull. Once in place the holes for the recessed fasteners had to plugged and sanded. Additionally, a mile and a half of electrical wiring was used on the 305.

Mr. Timmons & 308 parts – exhaust ports 5 from Indian River.
Needed one more - Argentina

Randy Smith - Don Rusch Illinois farmer -engines, carburetors, etc.

Heat exchangers. (Holly Colorado - desert) and one on eBay.
The bell.
Radar mast. Radar itself – Australia

PT 659 & 658.



WAVA Toast

Raise your glasses and let us toast the best military organization in the best army in the world, The Washington Artillery, from whence we came.

For (186) years, and under many numerical designations, we have served our city, our state, and our nation.

May we always be together to perpetuate the spirit of the 'Old Command'.

Now, let us drink to the Washington Artillery and to our Association.

(NOTE: add 1 year on the first of each year to determine our age. For example, 2020 was 184 years so in January 2024 the battalion is 186 years old.)

Welcome to the 387th Fall Field Day Tour of Duty
Lafayette Sergeants Suite

Date:	Time:	Sergeants Events:
Friday, 20 September	1130-1430	Felix's Restaurant & Oyster Bar 7400 Lakeshore Dr, New Orleans, LA
	1800-2300	Captain's Welcome Party
Saturday, 21 September	1300-1600	Suite Open
	2100-2300	Suite Re-Open
Sunday, 22 September	1600-2300	Suite Open
Monday, 23 September	1200-1600	Suite Open
	2100-2300	Suite Re-Open
Tuesday, 24 September	1800-2300	Suite Open
Wednesday, 25 September	1800-2300	Captain's Thank You Party
Thursday, 26 September	1700-1900	Sergeants Dinner
	1930-2300	Suite Open
Friday, 27 September	-	Sergeant's Day Off
Saturday, 28 September	2100-0000	Suite Open, Goodbye Party

We are looking forward to a great FFDTD. We have a host of fun and exciting events planned in the suite. Each evening we'll have hearty snacks and beverages available. On behalf of your Lafayette Sergeants if there's anything we can do to further accomodate you during this tour of duty please don't hesistate to ask.
Available 24/7 Mike Douglas 774-955-2344.

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MAJ Michael Fish
12 Brewster St.
Hull, MA 02045

Dear MAJ Michael Fish,

On behalf of all of us at The National WWII Museum, thank you for creating a lasting tribute to your hero on our campus. Your commemorative paver preserves your hero's legacy and supports our educational mission, ensuring current and future generations never forget the price of freedom.

We are pleased to announce that your paver has been installed on the Col. Battle Barksdale Parade Ground in the heart of The Museum's campus and assigned coordinates FP(4) 6,22. To find your paver on your next visit, please see the enclosed map.

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You can share your hero's story with family and friends as you celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and other special occasions. Give a replica of your paver, a photo of your paver, or other gifts with your pavers engraved message. Our WWII Tribute book includes an image of your paver on the cover, with a compelling history of WWII inside. For more information about these personalized gifts, please see the enclosed form.

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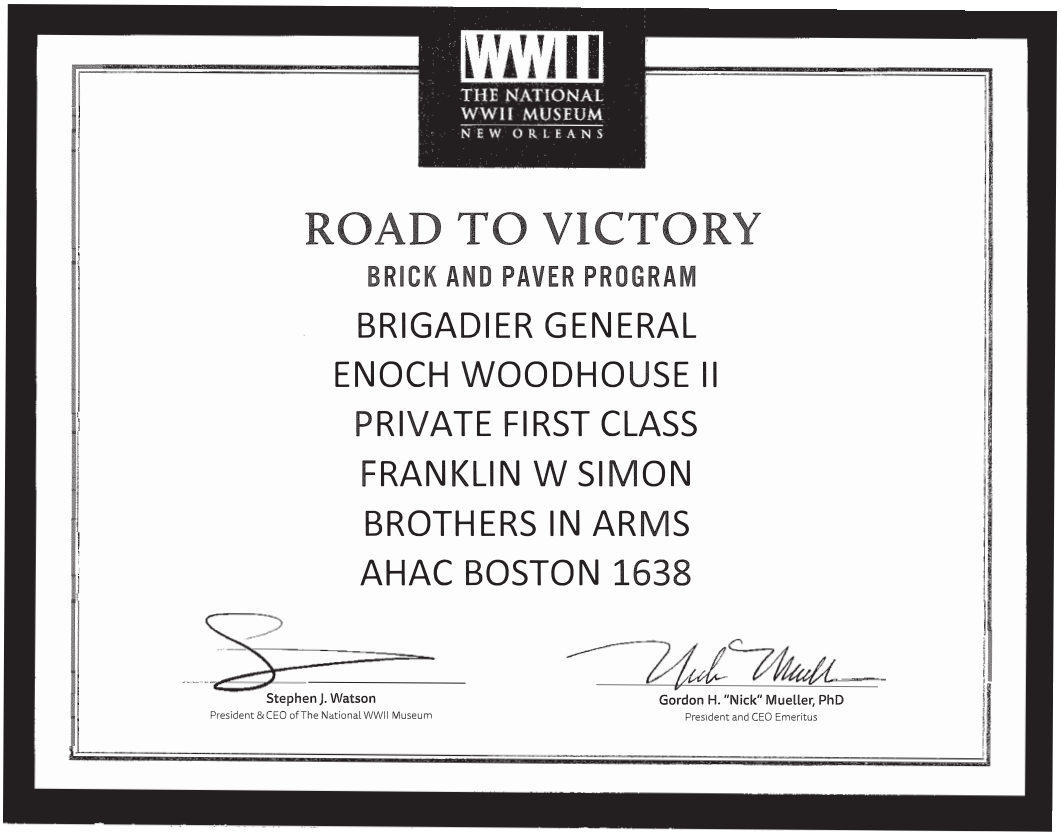
Every day, our programs and exhibits bring to life the men and women who gave so much of themselves when asked. Every tribute gift you share with family and friends honors your hero and advances our mission. You are our hero, and we thank you for your support.

With our gratitude,

Gigi Gauthier
Director, Tribute Programs and Special Projects

Ross Davies
Manager, Brick and Tribute Products Program



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AHAC 2nd Lieutenant's Event Report

DRAFT "A" For Review

To: MAJ Michael A. Fish, Captain Commanding
COL Henry Hogan, Personnel Adjutant and Clerk

DATE 28 OCT 2024 (Presented to Company)

PERIOD 20 SEP 2024 – 29 SEP 2024

EVENTS

- 387th FFDTD to New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Canada Day Celebration

SUBMITTED BY LT Robert V. Collins, 2nd LT, AHAC

387th Fall Field Day Tour of Duty

Day I: Friday, 20 SEP 2024 – Safe Travels & Warm Welcomes

On 20 SEP 2024, members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts departed Logan International Airport for New Orleans, LA.

Ultimately there were 38 Ancients including 3 Past Commanders: BG Joseph Milano, 281st PC; Chief of Staff CPT George Morrison, 295th PC, and CPT Jerome Sweeny, 300th PC.

Transportation went smoothly with both personnel and equipment arriving intact and on time.

Upon arrival members of the Company proceeded to the shores of Lake Pontchartrain and Felix's Restaurant, a popular destination for locals, where the Lafayette Sergeants arraigned a proper New Orleans welcome with hurricanes and other cocktails and refreshing beverages flowed to accompany an introduction to world-famous New Orleans cuisine with gumbo, catfish, and other great offerings. All knew with this great start that throughout this trip we would not lack for fine food, ample cocktails, and a dedicated and attentive sergeants' group.

Following the Sergeants' reception where all had their fill and out of state Ancients who we hadn't seen in awhile were warmly greeted, we proceeded to our base for this 387th FFDTD, the Bourbon Orleans Hotel on world famous Bourbon Street.

After check-in the Sergeants' Suite opened promptly with another warm and enthusiastic greeting from the 316th Captain Commanding, MAJ Michael A. Fish. Again, the Lafayette Sergeants amply provisioned their 2nd reception of the day and invited all to checkout the balcony strategically located overlooking Bourbon Street to which they had thoughtfully festooned with colorful Mardi Gras beads to set the tone of "Laissez les bons temps rouler" ("Let the good times roll") for their suite for the entirety of our stay in New Orleans. For those of you that may be unaware, beads are a form welcome and local currency and there is a favorable exchange rate on Bourbon Street.

The rest of the evening was spent with various groups of Ancients reconnoitering the Vieux Carre.

Day II: Saturday, 21 SEP 2024 – Our Own Private Mardi Gras

We started with a full breakfast with a combination of traditional favorites such as eggs and crispy bacon and New Orleans specialties such as spicy Cajun sausage.

This was a "free" morning with some opting to explore the Vieux Carre or French Quarter including the French Market, Café Du Monde for beignets, the shops of Rue Royale, or to venture out to other parts of the City such as Downtown, the Garden District, Uptown, Audubon Park, Loyola and Tulane Universities, and Riverbend.

In the afternoon we had a private tour of Mardi Gras World where we were greeted by a Dixieland Jazz band and saw a collection of the magnificent floats used in the Carnival and Mardi Gras parades unrivaled by any parade.

After exploring these amazing and often satirically-themed floats, we went into an otherwise nondescript building that, once inside, transported us to the bayou complete with a replica antebellum mansion where a generous buffet and open bar were provided along with Riverboat girls invited us to partake in games of chance.

The evening the sights and sounds of Bourbon Street that would carry some of us off until we greeted the new day beckoned and those who chose to rendezvous with friends had a stalwart crew of sergeants and their well provisioned suite at the ready and a bird's eye view from their balcony that overlooked a massive party stretching almost the full 13 blocks of Bourbon Street.

Day III: 22 SEP 2024 – St. Louis Cathedral and Wreath Laying

The Cathedral-Basilica of St. Louis was established in 1718 and is America's oldest continually active Catholic Cathedral. The image of the Cathedral overlooking Jackson Square is the iconic image representing New Orleans the world over.

It is at this historic site that His Excellency, The Most Reverend Gregory Michael Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans celebrated Mass and specifically welcomed the Ancients and an international delegation representing the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums. 1st LT John Damiano, 2nd LT Robert Collins, and COL James Littleton took part in presenting the Gifts at the Offertory to the Archbishop during Mass.

That Sunday the Company, led by Captain Commanding MAJ Michael A. Fish, also placed a wreath honoring Bernardo Vicente de Gálvez

While governor of Louisiana, Gálvez supported the colonists and their French allies in the Revolutionary War, helping facilitate vital supply lines and frustrate British operations in the Gulf Coast. Gálvez also achieved several victories on the battlefield. Gálvez's actions aided the American war effort and made him a hero to both Spain and the newly independent United States.

After completion of its formal duties the Company enjoyed a buffet luncheon at the Hotel Bourbon Orleans, the hospitality of the Sergeants' Suite, and of the City itself.

Day IV: 23 SEP 2024 – A Day for Exploration and an Evening Formal Banquet

The traditional FFDTD Banquet was held at the Bourbon Orleans and the Company was joined by the 51st Adjutant General for the State of Louisiana, Major General Thomas C. Friloux, his wife Laurie Anne, and members of his staff.

The Company was also joined by members of the Washington Artillery of New Orleans, a unit that can trace its roots back to at least 1819, with an official date of organization by the US War Department of 07 SEP 1838 prior to its acceptance into the National Guard in 1909. The Washington Artillery Veterans Association (WAVA) enthusiastically welcomed us to New Orleans and presented the Captain Commanding with a custom wooden chest containing one of their challenge coins for each member of the Company on the trip.

During the banquet Chief of Staff CPT George Morrison, PC, and COL James Littleton were inducted into the Ordre Lafayette and presented with the diploma, medals, and pin representing their knighthood and in recognition of their achievements both past and anticipated.

The banquet also featured a keynote speaker Jerry Strahan author of "Andrew Jackson Higgins, The Most Forgotten Hero of the Allied Victory" on the colorful life and amazing achievements of Andrew Higgins whose boats helped turn the tide of World War II and made D-Day's success possible as well as countless other amphibious landings in the Pacific Theatre. Mr. Strahan's address was both informational and entertaining and provided an extraordinary insight into both Higgins and his invention and how one would not have been able to be designed and produced under extreme circumstances without the tenacity and drive of the other.

Day V: 24 SEP 2024 – Tour and Ceremony at the National World War II Museum

The Company received VIP treatment at the National World War II Museum, rated by Trip Advisor as "Best of the Best" and "Best of the World" awards.
We were greeted at the door and started off with a moving tribute to "The Greatest Generation" with the multimedia immersive experience entitled "Beyond All Boundaries" which in and of itself was amazing. The Museum hosted an exclusive luncheon for the Ancients complete with a delicious buffet and entertainment from the "Victory Belles" who gave a tremendous performance of WW II area music including hits from the Andrews Sisters and others.

The Company also took part in an unveiling ceremony in the Museum where a paver was dedicated to, Brigadier General Enoch Woodhouse and Private 1st Class Franklin Simon, Brothers in Arms, AHAC Boston 1638.

Since there was so much to see and do at the museum, the Captain arraigned for our day pass to this massive museum to be honored for multiple days during our visit.

Day VI: 25 SEP 2024 – Lafayette Wreath Laying, Battle of New Orleans Battlefield Wreath Laying, and Jackson Barracks Luncheon and Tour

On Wednesday morning we laid a wreath honoring Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette. Lafayette, the "Hero of Two Worlds" and with a connection to our historic Company, was also honored with the laying of a wreath in Lafayette Square, the 2nd oldest park in New Orleans after Jackson Square.

The Company, accompanied by members of the Washington Artillery and Louisiana National Guard, then proceeded to Battle of New Orleans Battlefield in Chalmette where greatest land victory of the War of 1812 occurred on January 8, 1815.

While the battle was fought 15 days after the signing of the Treaty of Ghent which formally ended the war, it was still fought before the Treaty was ratified by the United States in February 1815, the following month.

Despite a British advantage in numbers, training, and experience, the American forces defeated a poorly executed assault in slightly more than 30 minutes. The Americans suffered 71 casualties, while the British suffered over 2,000, including the death of their commanding general, Major General Sir Edward Pakenham.

The battle was the last major armed engagement between the United States and Britain, and for the next half century, January 8 is marked by celebrations across the United States.

Our Company honored those who fought and died with the laying of a wreath at the battlefield monument followed by a 2nd wreath laying Chalmette National Cemetery, the final resting place of over 15,300 veterans and casualties from the War of 1812 through the Vietnam War, including Medal of Honor recipient John E. Jones of the US Navy, during the Civil War, and many others whose identities are only known to God.

Following these solemn ceremonies, the Company proceeded a short distance to Jackson Barracks, headquarters of the Louisiana National Guard, established in 1834. During its early years, Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, George B. McClellan, J.E.B. Stuart, P. G. T. Beauregard, were all stationed at the Barracks, although not at the same time.

At Jackson Barracks we were welcomed by LTC McElrath, LTC Chris Cannon, commander of the 1/141 Field Artillery, Washington Artillery, Museum Director Beverly Boyco, and Command Chief Warrant Officer CW5 Robin Williams and our new friends from the Washington Artillery Veterans Association. They gave us the history of the installation and invited us to explore their museum. After enjoying a hearty lunch of muffulettas and Po'boys and set off to explore the museum.

The museum traced the history of the Louisiana militia and National Guard and its service to the people of Louisiana and the nation with an amazing display of guns, equipment, uniforms, and other artifacts. A day at the Jackson Barracks Military Museum simply wasn't enough to fully tour the museum however we had the exclusive use of it and were accompanied by several knowledgeable guides.

Day VII: 26 SEP 2024 – Poolside BBQ and a Day for Further Exploration of New Orleans

Once again, the Lafayette Sergeants stepped up and with Captain Commanding Mike Fish put out a generous spread of food and drink.

This was a great day to catch up with friends and lounge by the pool before heading out to further explore New Orleans.

Day VIII: 27 SEP 2024 – Baton Rouge and Beyond: Capitol Buildings and Mansions

Rested and ready from our "day off", the Company drove north to the state capital of Baton Rouge where we explored the old state capitol, a Neo-Gothic medieval-style castle overlooking the Mississippi, starting with the "Ghost of the Castle" multi-media show about the history of the building, followed by a private tour of the ornate and colorful castle.

After visiting the old state capitol, the Ancients lunched at the City Club of Baton Rouge followed by a tour of the Georgian-style Old Governor's Mansion, and then a surprise visit

to the nation's tallest capitol building and its panoramic view with a private tour and excusive access to the Governor's private office.

On our way back to New Orleans we stopped at the Houmas House Estate and Museum where we were greeted by one of the owners, Kevin Kelly, and given a tour of his residence.

The tour traced the mansion's extensive history from the 1700s to today, from the time of the indigenous Houmas Indians, how owner John Burnside, a poor immigrant from Ireland, rose to prominence and became known as "The Sugar Prince" after acquiring this and several other properties and even managed to hold off the Union Army during the Civil War by declaring his property "neutral" due to his Irish birth by hoisting the Union Jack over the property just before the Union forces reached and attempted to seize his immense holdings.

Houmas House also boasted an incredible museum with a truly impressive military collection from the War of 1812 and the Civil War with several one of a kind items.

Day IX: 28 SEP 2024 – Swamp Ancients

From our formal formation in iconic Jackson Square earlier in the trip we transformed into "The Swamp Ancients" and boarded a number of agile swap boats of the "Airboat Adventures" fleet and explored the tidewater cypress swamp close to the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve which was full of Spanish moss, cypress trees, tupelo gums, exotic birds such as egrets and herons, as well as other wildlife – including alligators!

With the wind in our faces the boats crisscrossed the swap and the boat pilots gunned their engines to the next part of the swamp. Unknown to us, alligators LOVE marshmallows. One theory is that the look like, but are cheaper than, eggs, another alligator favorite. Our boat even had a couple of alligators try to board our vessel for more than marshmallows.

Upon our return to base we saw a magnificent sunset and feasted on a crawfish boil with all the fixin's including refreshing hurricane cocktails. We even got to see an exceptionally rate albino alligator – one of only an estimated 200 in the entire world.

Day X: 28 SEP 2024 – Break Camp, Head Home

After a full breakfast the Ancients departed home to Boston with all present or accounted for thus concluding our 387th Fall Field Day Tour of Duty.

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS, COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, SPEECHES & MILITARY ORDERS IN PREPARATION FOR COMMAND YEAR 2024-2025

2024 *2025*

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Boston, MA 02113
617-227-1638

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16 November 2023

Society of Past Commanders

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

Armory Faneuil Hall

Boston, Massachusetts 02109

To the Distinguished Society of Past Commanders,

I write this letter to invite each of the Distinguished Past Commanders to consider a position on the staff for command year 2024/2025.

I know every Past Captain takes great pride in our company and continues to serve in order to perpetuate its maintenance, traditions and perpetuity. The rise to Captain Commanding is an arduous task and is fraught with financial and social uncertainties. As great Ancient's you assumed that risk and now put your trust in new leadership. As presumptive Captain Commanding, I now ask for your talent and experience to make my command year successful.

Please feel free to reach out at any time and share your thoughts and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire

Presumptive Captain Commanding, AHAC 2024/2025

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From: michael fish <mikefishbpd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2024 4:25 PM
To: Gking87455; execsec
Subject: Ancient and Honorable Day at Newport Polo

I am happy to announce the Newport Polo event is sold out. Due to the positive response an additional ten tickets were added, now Fifty attendees. As the 316th Captain Commanding, I have envisioned this Ancients polo gathering for several years and look forward to seeing all of you. As a reminder on Newport Polo customs as well as proper military protocol, I submit the following:

1. Reporting location - 250 Linden Ln Portsmouth, RI
2. Reporting time - 2:30PM
3. Reporting uniform - Summer Uniform w/ Cover, no gloves
4. Bring casual wear after completion of ceremonies, best group dress competition is the norm and prizes awarded.
5. Bring chairs and small picnic side tables as we only have 20 chairs and tables.
6. Bring lawn games i.e.(football, baseball, beanbag toss), it is customary to play field games prior to polo.
7. Bring your favorite beverage or snacks (dietary restrictions and particular snacks).There are food trucks and beverage service available throughout the polo stadium.
8. Divot stomping during halftime is tradition, Bring proper shoes.
9. Door prize will be awarded to a lucky attendee.
10. Skin protection, hats and sunglasses are highly recommended.

I want to thank PVT. George King for organizing and coordinating this first but not last couples/family Ancients event. Your ticket includes admission, parking, VIP seating area, food and beverage, ONE lucky door prize. The most important and significant operation of the day at Newport Polo is a display of Drill and Ceremony as we celebrate the birth of our nation, the Fourth of July. The Independence Cup at Newport Polo is rated the highest in winning payout during the polo season and will be well attended. The Ancients will be marching with colors led by Captain Commanding Fish and two WWII veterans. They will be escorted by the Consular General of France. Our National Anthem will be sung by our Ancient's chorus. A ceremonial coin toss will be conducted on the field followed by a company photograph. The Ancient's Command Staff will participate in closing award ceremonies.

Please Note - Those who purchased a Lawn Seating Ticket and NOT VIP, Please email PVT George King or Major Michael Fish

Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esq. 316th CC
PVT. George King, Chairman, Newport Polo Event

As the 316th Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, I am proud to report a successful and well attended 249th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill. 249 years ago our fellow Ancients fought on Bunker Hill, fortifying this hill in the heat of battle, giving their lives to create this great nation. How proud I was to lead our company through the streets of Charlestown in formation, reminding our nation, we are the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, present and proud to serve our country and commonwealth. I want to thank BG John Driscoll, Adjutant for his great leadership. I especially want to thank LT. John Mitchell, Chairman of the event for his amazing organizational skills. Thank you to my Aids who escorted Federal Judge Zobel at the request of the Governor. I truly thank all our Ancients who stepped up, reported on time and presented themselves in good military order, providing an exceptional honor guard to the Governor. We have a busy year ahead and I feel confident our company will rise and shine when called upon.

Facta Non Verba

God bless America

Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire

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Bunker Hill Day Event, MONDAY 17 June 2024

Please join Captain Commanding Major Michael A Fish as he joins Governor Healey and Dignitaries on the Bunker Hill Monument Dias. Major Fish is a VIP guest of the Bunker Hill Monument Association and National Park Service and the Company will serve as the official Honor Guard.

When: 17 June 2024

Where: St Francis de Sales Church 303 Bunker Hill St, Charlestown, MA.

Time: Members attending should report to the Church NLT 1300 hours

Uniform of the day: Summer Parade uniform with hat, No gloves

Order of the event:

1315 - Assemble on stairs of St Francis de Sales Church 303 Bunker Hill St, Charlestown, MA.

1325 - Dignitaries and guests will pass between the AHAC Honor Guard.
1330 - Non-denominational Ecumenical Service begins.
1420 - End of Service AHAC Honor Guard on Church Stairs

1430 - Procession lead by AHAC marches to Bunker Hill Monument

1500 - Ceremony at Bunker Hill Monument begins
Following the ceremony, we are invited to a private party at the Warren Tavern (2 Pleasant St Charlestown Ma)

As this is a HIGH VISIBILITY Event, the Captain requests participation from all members who can attend.

Be a part of History and support this event!

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MMA

Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Established 1891

Class of 2024

Awards Ceremony

21 June at 1700

Discipline ✦ Knowledge ✦ Leadership

execsec

From: michael fish <mikefishbpd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 10:19 AM
To: execsec; George Morrison; Robert Collins; John Damiano; Joseph Milano
Subject: Fourth of July Speech

Greetings and salutations from this historical balcony here in the heart of Boston. I am proud to stand here before you as Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. Since the founding of this great nation the Captain Commanding of this honorable company has read the Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America, now proudly Fifty, on this upcoming 250 year anniversary of this great nation. As a nation made up of varied races, ethnicities and religions, I am proud to say I am the second American Jew to stand before you in the last 250 years and read this Declaration, preserving and proclaiming we are a nation under god.
I ask you to heed these Guiding principles practiced by Colonel Robert Lynch
SEEK THE WISDOM OF THE AGES, HONOR THE VALUES OF OUR FOREFATHERS
HOLD YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS DEARLY AS YOUR RIGHTS
KEEP THE HIGHEST STANDARDS AND ETHICS PARAMOUNT IN YOUR LIFE
DEMONSTRATE YOUR BELIEF IN THE INHERENT GOODNESS OF PEOPLE
BE SURE YOUR WORDS ARE YOUR BOND AND REFLECTED IN YOUR DEEDS
ALWAYS DO WHATS HONORABLE EVEN WHEN ITS NOT TO YOUR ADVANTAGE
DONT GIVE UP THOUGH TIMES ARE TOUGH AND OBSTACLES ROUGH
PRESERVERANCE OFTEN MAKES THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCCESS AND FAILURE
ALWAYS GIVE MORE THAN YOU RECIEVE, LEAVE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE THAN YOU FOUND IT.
AND IT IS NOW MY HONOR TO READ OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

CONCLUSION STATEMENT:
I AM THE 316TH CAPTAIN COMMANDING OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS
MAJOR MICHAEL ANDREW FISH ESQUIRE
GOD BLESS AMERICA

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I want to personally thank all Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company members who participated on the Fourth of July parade and events. I believe this event is the largest and most publicized event in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I also believe this event is a living model of our military history as a company. A stand alone moment where we represent our forefathers, company founders and military history of the thirteen colonies. Colonel Crafts stood on that Old State House balcony in 1776 knowing he and all the patriots signed their death warrants. As I read the Declaration of Independence, I became Colonel Crafts and read as if I were speaking on behalf of a new independent nation seeking liberty and justice.

I now address the company as your Captain Commanding and a long serving Ancient who has witnessed our company parade on many occasions. When I ran my campaign for Second Lieutenant, I vowed to restore our company to the true traditions of a military company. Facta Non Verba are not just words to be casually spoken. When we wear our uniform and parade, with all the public witnessing, we represent far more than our company. Many active service, historical military personnel and former veterans hear our prestigious introduction, Ladies and Gentlemen, The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, the oldest chartered military company in the Western Hemisphere. All eyes are upon us! Yet, I personally observe wandering personnel, improper uniforms including footwear, cell phones and non military behavior. As you are aware, Command Staff personnel and Past Commanders are in front ranks and cannot observe the actions of Ancients in their wings. I take full responsibility for these correctable and unintentional actions. I now call upon our military members, Wing Adjutants, Sergeant Major and senior company members, see something, say something. Proper instruction and training will correct many of the simplest mistakes.

I have vowed to bring our company into the public view in person and on social media. Our company has taken Public Affairs seriously which highlights every moment our company name appears on the record. We are currently bringing our internet, servers and website back to the most current standards. Again I thank you all for your diligent service to the company and ask you to take a moment and reflect on why I joined the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

Facta Non Verba

Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire

316th Captain Commandi

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Ten Of Us Club

Established 1892, Incorporated 1896, Reincorporated 2023

Summer Clambake

July 31, 2024

Marshfield Fairgrounds

Marshfield, Massachusetts

2024 NATIONAL FIFE & DRUM MUSTER

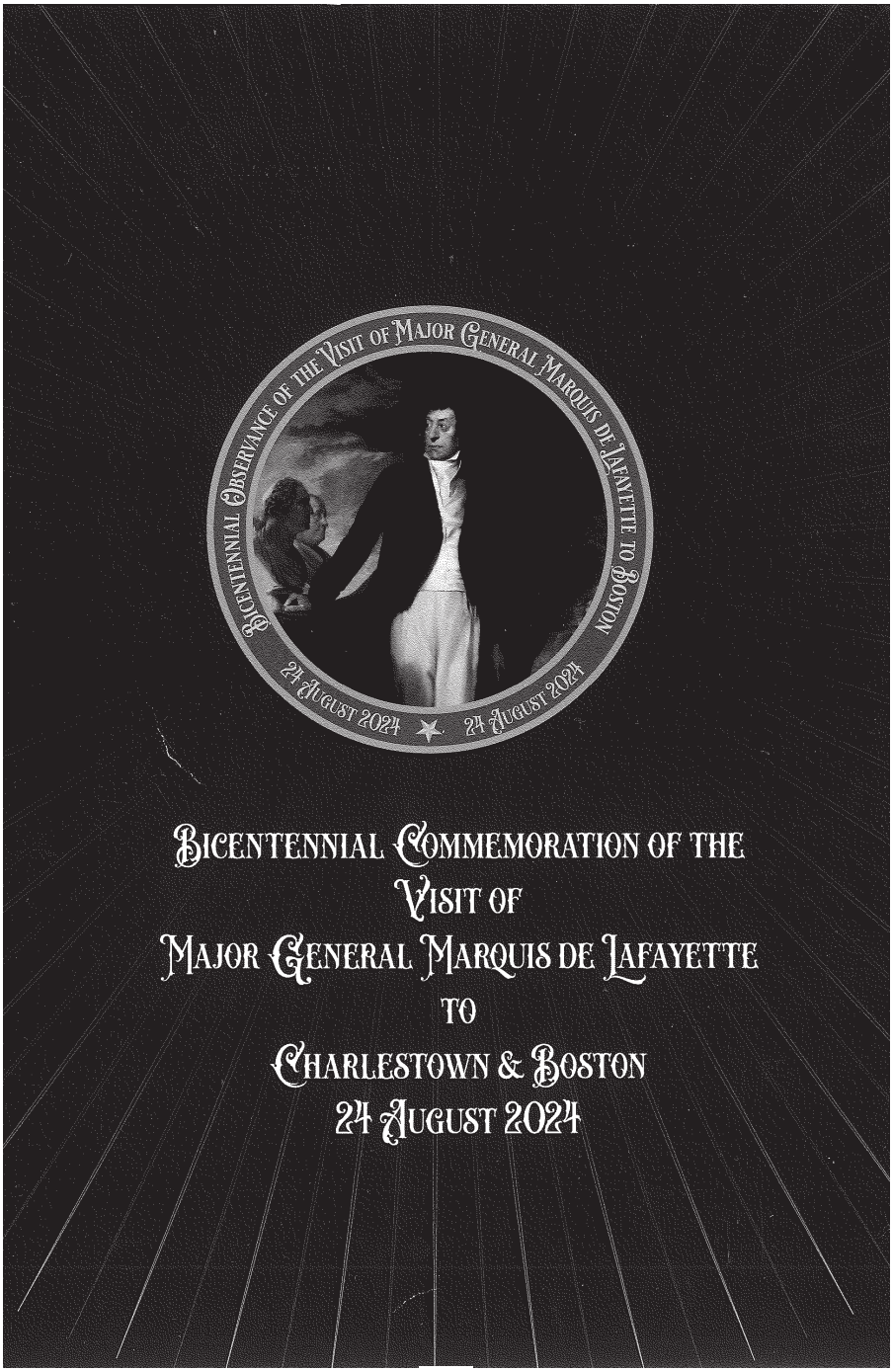
August 9th & 10th

Company of Fifers & Drummers

1774 2024

Hosted by:
The Kentish Guards
and
The Pawtuxet Rangers
Celebrating their 250th Anniversaries

Fort Adams, Newport, Rhode Island


Bicentennial Observance of the Visit of Major General Marquis de Lafayette to Boston
24 August 2024
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Bicentennial Commemoration of the
Visit of
Major General Marquis de Lafayette
to
Charlestown & Boston
24 August 2024

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
of Massachusetts
MAJ Michael Andrew Fish
Captain, Commanding
&
Alan Hoffman
President of The American Friends of Lafayette
welcome our honored guests to this historic occassion.

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9:00AM-11:00AM

Pre-Parade Reception

Location ~ Commandant's House Charlestown Navy Yard

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11:00AM

Leave for Parade and Boston Common

Luxury Coach is provided. Guests are also welcome to use private transportation.

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11:30AM

Parade Units Step Off from Faneuil Hall

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12:15PM

Pass in Review and Commemorative Ceremony

All VIP guests will be seated under the Pass in Review Tent
Boston Common

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1:30PM

VIP Reception

Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Massachusetts
Hosted By Grand Master George Forest Hamilton

Ordre de Lafayette Special Ceremony

Gérard Charpentier, PhD,
Grand Cross of the Ordre de Lafayette and President of the Ordre de Lafayette, America
2nd LT Robert V. Collins, Graduation Officer
Graduation Officer

LT John Mitchell, Chairman
BG John Driscoll (ret), Vice Chairman
LT Shervin B. Hawley, Designer

Pictured, left, Lafayette laying the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill Monument.

MAJ Michael A. Fish
CAPTAIN COMMANDING 2024 - 2025

HEADQUARTERS
ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY
OF MASSACHUSETTS

ARMORY, FANEUIL HALL **BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

PARADE ORDER NUMBER 3 **24 August 2024**

Bicentennial Observance and Parade Commemorating
General Lafayette's visit to Boston
24 August 2024

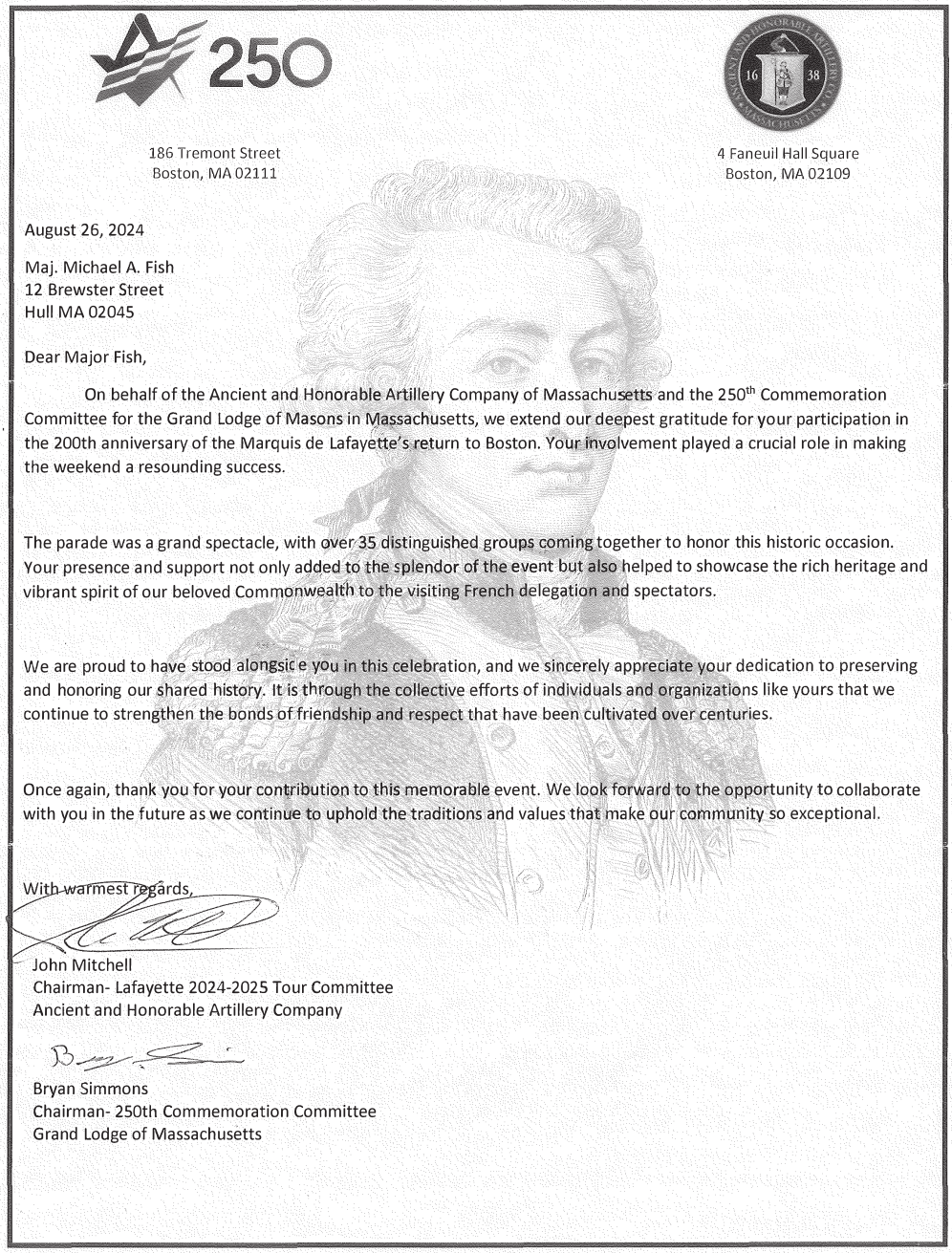
1. **Situation – The AHAC will participate in ceremonies to commemorate the 200th anniversary of General Lafayette's visit to Boston**

2. **Mission – SATURDAY, 24 August 2024 the AHAC will lead a parade from Faneuil Hall to the Boston Common in observance of the bicentennial of the visit to Boston from General Lafayette.**

3. **Captain's Intent – This parade will be one of the most visible events for the AHAC commemorating this great event. It will provide the Company an opportunity for each member to represent and set a positive example of professionalism for the general public. I expect all to properly wear the uniform, exhibit correct drill and ceremony and proudly represent the Company for the City of Boston and the many visitors that come from around the world. I welcome and encourage all to bring family and friends to celebrate this event. Members of the recruiting and retention committee should have information available on AHAC to increase awareness and interest to increase membership.**

4. **Uniform – Summer Uniform with belt and round service cap, NO gloves**

5. **Reporting:**
    a. **Place: AHAC Headquarters, Faneuil Hall, Boston, Massachusetts**
    b. **Time: 0930 hours, 24 August 2024 for a pre-parade collation.**
    c. **1100 hours last call to report for parade assembly on North St.**
    d. **Parade will step off at 1130 hours.**



186 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111

4 Faneuil Hall Square
Boston, MA 02109

August 26, 2024

Maj. Michael A. Fish
12 Brewster Street
Hull MA 02045

Dear Major Fish,

On behalf of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts and the 250th Commemoration Committee for the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, we extend our deepest gratitude for your participation in the 200th anniversary of the Marquis de Lafayette's return to Boston. Your involvement played a crucial role in making the weekend a resounding success.

The parade was a grand spectacle, with over 35 distinguished groups coming together to honor this historic occasion. Your presence and support not only added to the splendor of the event but also helped to showcase the rich heritage and vibrant spirit of our beloved Commonwealth to the visiting French delegation and spectators.

We are proud to have stood alongside you in this celebration, and we sincerely appreciate your dedication to preserving and honoring our shared history. It is through the collective efforts of individuals and organizations like yours that we continue to strengthen the bonds of friendship and respect that have been cultivated over centuries.

Once again, thank you for your contribution to this memorable event. We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with you in the future as we continue to uphold the traditions and values that make our community so exceptional.

With warmest regards,

John Mitchell
Chairman- Lafayette 2024-2025 Tour Committee
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company

Bryan Simmons
Chairman- 250th Commemoration Committee
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

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Boston City Hall, Room 721
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Bradeen:

The Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts seeks permission to conduct a parade commemorating the Bicentennial of General Lafayette's visit to Boston.

Date: Saturday 24 August 2024
Time: Parade forms at the intersection of North and Congress Streets at 11:00 AM. The parade steps off at 11:30 AM.
Size: Approximately 600 participants.

The parade forms on the outbound side of North St. at Faneuil Hall, then steps off from North St. onto Congress St. to Court St. to Tremont St. The Parade will then enter the Boston common grounds at the Park St. station walkway to the Boston Common Parade Ground NLT NOON to assemble on the Parade Grounds for the Bicentennial Lafayette Ceremony.
At the conclusion of the ceremony (1:00 PM) the participants are dismissed. No further parade activity beyond the conclusion of the ceremonies on the Boston Common.

Your approval of this request will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

LT Joe Regan
Executive Secretary
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execsec@ahac.us.com

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Officer Candidate School
Commissioning Ceremony

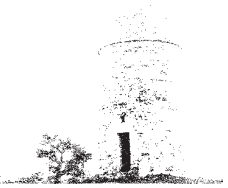
Class 91

On Sunday, 08 September 2024
at
The USS Constitution
Boston, Massachusetts

THE
SPARK
OF THE REVOLUTION:

THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
POWDER ALARM

Sunday, September 1, 2024
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Nathan Tufts Park
850 Broadway, Somerville



A message to the company on behalf of the 316th Captain Commanding MAJ Michael A Fish to support the AHAC-

Charity Drive for the Massachusetts' Veterans Homes

aka The Soldier Homes in Chelsea & Holyoke

To my fellow Ancients,

In coordination with the Massachusetts Army National Guard, I have appointed a committee to organize a charity drive that will provide a quick and easy way to send items requested by the residents of the Veteran Homes in Chelsea and Holyoke. The committee communicated with both homes and generated a donation wish list of desired items to provide the residents, especially those without family. This allows us to assist and remember those who served our Commonwealth and Nation.

For those who may not know, Massachusetts has two state run Veteran Homes. The Chelsea Soldiers Home was established in 1882 and offers residential and long-term care programs to eligible Massachusetts veterans. The Holyoke Soldiers Home was established in 1952 and is a fully accredited long-term health care facility that offers eligible veterans quality health care, hospice care, including full-time residential accommodations, and an on-site dental clinic.

The charity drive end date will be 30 SEP / 15 OCT 2024 and the items will be divided and delivered to each of the homes by the committee. The donation wish list is set up for ease of purchase using your computer with links to Amazon for each item, or if easier you can purchase at another place and drop off or mail the item to the assisting MA ARNG unit:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Veterans' Home in Chelsea
100 Summit Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150
TEL: (617) 884-5660 FAX: (617) 819-3423

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CHRISTINE BALDINI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 13, 2025

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts
Donald Strunk
P.O. Box 130042
Boston, MA 02113

Dear Mr. Strunk:

On behalf of the residents of the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Chelsea, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for your generous donation of a touch 2 play unit. And also, for arranging a photo shoot with the donation and some of our veterans.

This generous donation is very much appreciated and will certainly be put to good use by our residents.

Again, thank you for your support and generosity and for always remembering our veterans.

Sincerely,

John Davis, CRTS
Director of Therapeutic Recreation

/gp

cc: Jessica Rogers, Assistant Executive Director

Gene & Karen Kroner
3300 Monet Drive West
Palm Beach Gardens FL 33410

August 25, 2024

Lt Joe Regan
AHAC Veterans Charity Fund
P. O. Box 130042
Boston MA 02113

Lt Regan,

We're extremely honored to donate this gift of $10,000 to assist our veterans in purchasing items that will make their lives a little more comfortable. We do so in appreciation for the bravery, hard work, and sacrifices they have made for family, friends, and country.

Even though I am not able to attend meetings and events on a regular basis, I take great pride in being a member of The Ancients.

With fondest regards to you and the company,

Gene & Karen Kroner

Command staff, distinguished past captains, Ancients one and all,

I rise tonight to give my report of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company's attendance of the Honourable Artillery Company's "Ye Feast", the annual event of the HAC's company of Pikemen and Musketeers. The tradition of AHAC attendance at this event started last year when, coincidentally, the company was in London during the traditional event. Major AHS (Tony) Gabb, the captain commanding of the company of Pikemen and Musketeers, invited a contingent of the company in reciprocation of the hospitality shown by the AHAC to the Pikemen and Musketeers during our Fall Field Day Tour of Duty.

On Wednesday, 02 October, LT Robert Collins (as MAJ Fish's representative), BG John Driscoll, CPT Tim Haraden and their respective spouses travelled overnight to London in preparation for the event on Friday, 04 October. On Friday, the AHAC delegation and spouses were received at Armoury House for an early reception. New and old members of the Boston Association—and their spouses—welcomed the AHAC delegation warmly. At promptly 1900, the top table was clapped into the Long Room at Armory House for the start of the festivities. The meal consisted of a smoked salmon and pickled cucumber starter, a roast rump of lamb main course, and coffee cheesecake for dessert. After dinner, the group retired to the Suitling and Medal Room bar for further refreshment.

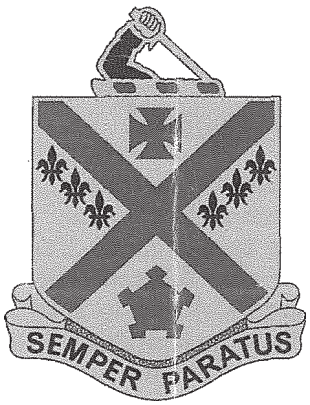
On Saturday, 05 October, the group finished a day of sightseeing in London by hosting a dinner for HAC Boston Association members Ian Sivyer and James Ryan and their wives at Sushi Samba, a trendy restaurant in the Covent Garden section of London. The group then made their way back to the States—a good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,

CPT Tim Haraden

Oct 2nd

Massachusetts Army National Guard Officer Candidate School



Officer Candidate School (OCS)
Class 90

Graduation Ceremony
This Fourteenth Day of October,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three

ORD OFFICER

AHAC 2023-2025 Weapon Shoot

Saturday, October 19, 2024

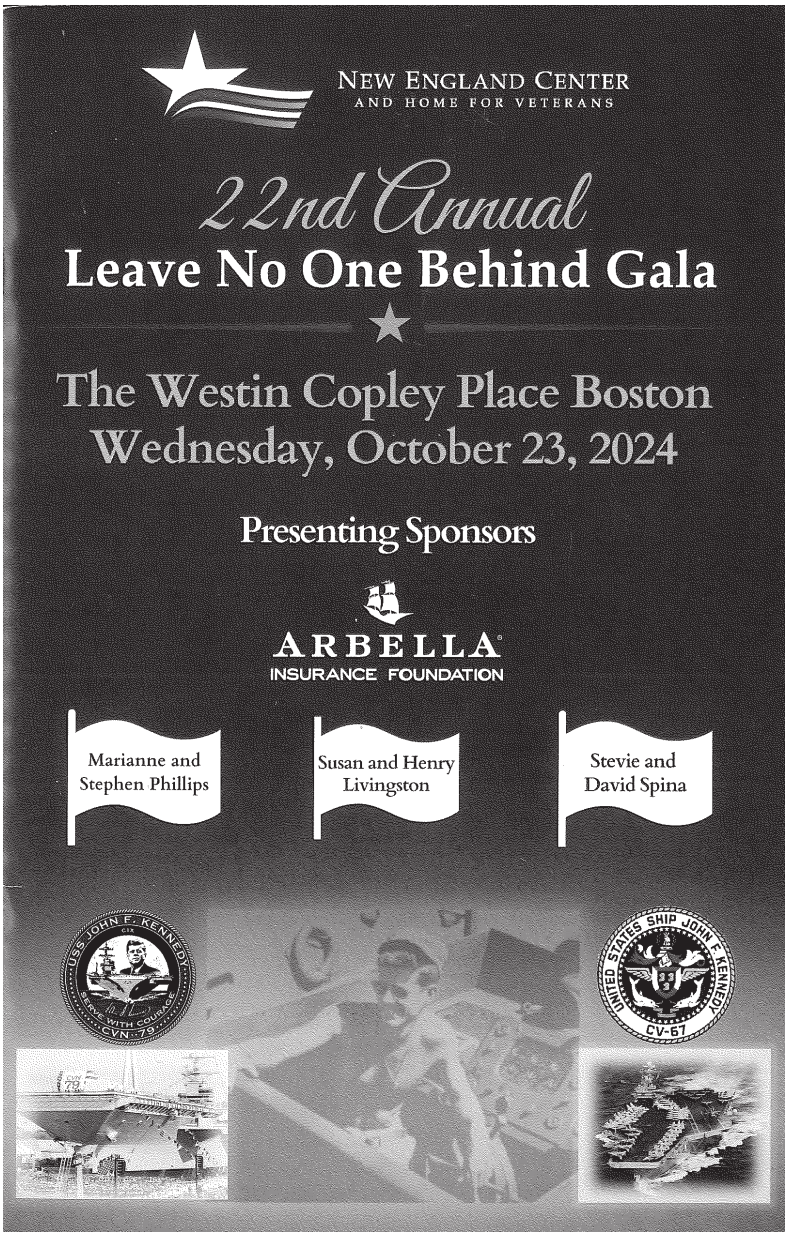
Braintree Rifle & Pistol Club

RIFLE RESULTS

	NAME	SCORE
AHAC 21-64		
1st	KIETH MACDONALD	91-5X
2nd	MACK HEBERS	82
3rd	MACGREGOR MORGAN	81
1st	TOM CUREY	91-2X
2nd	PAUL TEDESCHI	85
3rd	MICHAEL BRADBURY	81
AHAC GUEST		
1st	MIKE FAHEY	87-1X
2nd	JOSEPH BRADY	87
3rd	DAN HARRIS	85

PISTOL RESULTS

	NAME	SCORE
AHAC 21-64		
1st	McGREGOR MORGAN	96
2nd	MICHAEL DRUMMEY	91
3rd	ROBERT COLLINS	81
1st	MICHAEL BRADBURY	90
2nd	DONALD STRUNK	87
3rd	CHUCK FAZIO	85
AHAC GUEST		
1st	~~MIKE FAHEY~~ COLE JENNES	86 → 85
2nd	JACKY SHI	84
3rd	~~MICHAEL SPEKHARDT~~	~~82~~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22nd Annual
Leave No One Behind Gala
The Westin Copley Place Boston
Wednesday, October 23, 2024
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CV-67

November 11, 2024

Mr. Timothy Haraden
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts
PO Box 130042
Boston, Massachusetts 02113

Dear Mr. Haraden,

Thank you for supporting the 22nd annual *Leave No One Behind* Gala. Through friends like you, we are able to offer critical, life-changing services needed by Veterans who face an incredibly vulnerable time in their lives.

Proceeds raised at the *Leave No One Behind* Gala directly assist Veterans facing challenges, helping them succeed and work toward meaningful employment and independent living. With your help, the event raised over $700,000 for the broad array of Veteran services and programs at the NECHV. Your participation recognizes and celebrates the extraordinary and selfless contributions of the men and women who have proudly worn a uniform to defend our nation.

Your pledge of $3,000 for a Bronze Sponsorship is a vital part of this unprecedented success!

Our door is always open here at the NECHV, and we encourage you to schedule a tour to see your philanthropy at work. Please contact Nicole.Hand@nechv.org if you are interested in doing so.

Once again, thank you for your support and commitment to *leaving no Veteran behind*. Please mail us your please payment at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

C. Andrew McCawley
President and Chief Executive Officer
New England Center and Home for Veterans

NECHV is a charitable organization qualified under section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS code. All or part of your gift may be tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Please check with your tax advisor.

First Lieutenant
John S. Damiano III
and
Second Lieutenant
Robert V. Collins

Cordially invite you to the 2024
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

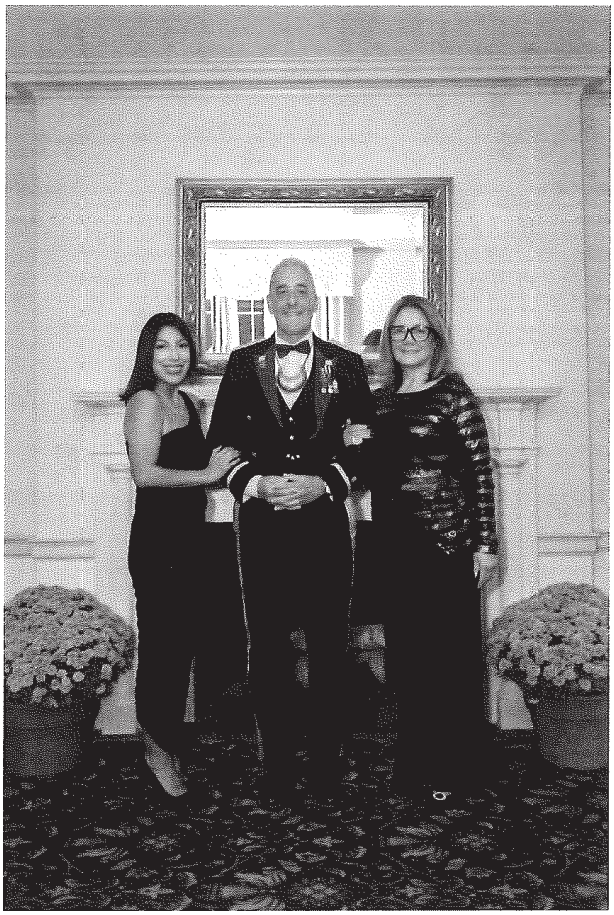
Lieutenants Ball

Saturday, November 9, 2024
6 P.M. Reception
Couples photo opportunity
7 P.M. Dinner and Dancing

The Hawthorne Hotel
Salem, Massachusetts

$ 199 per person

Mess Dress or Black Tie
RSVP October 30, 2024
Spouses or significant others are cordially welcome



88th ANNUAL GALA

CENTENNIAL LEGION OF HISTORIC MILITARY COMMANDS

AND THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KENTISH GUARDS AND PAWTUXET RANGERS

HOSTED BY VARNUM'S REGIMENT

OCTOBER 26, 2024

The Old North Church

CHRIST CHURCH
in the CITY OF BOSTON

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 10, 2024

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Veterans' Day Honor Guard at the Statehouse

My fellow Ancients,

Monday 11 November is Veterans' Day. Once again, the Company has been asked to provide the traditional Honor Guard for our Commander- in -Chief Governor Maura Healey. It is extremely important that we have a strong showing. I ask every member who is able to participate to do their best to attend this event.

Please report to the Statehouse NLT 0900 Hours. Uniform of the day is the Parade Dress Uniform with hat and white gloves. Enter the Statehouse through the Hooker side entrance. There will be light refreshments served after the ceremony.

Veterans' Day is a day set aside to honor all those men and women, alive or dead, who have proudly served the Commonwealth and our Country. It is our duty to answer the call to remember their sacrifices and to honor their service. Let us come together at the Statehouse on this special day to represent the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. and to express our gratitude to all who can claim the title "Veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States."

Facta non Verba

MAJ Michael Fish

Captain Commanding 2024 - 2025

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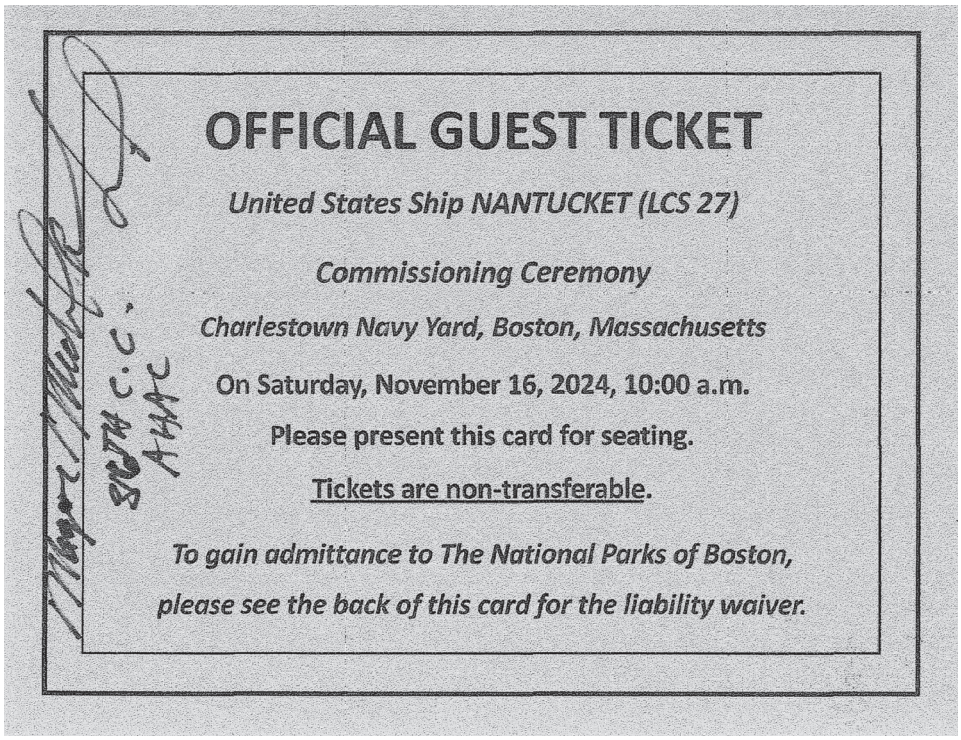
United States Marine Corps
249th Birthday

Semper Fidelis Society
Boston

November 13, 2024
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

Signature BOSTON



OFFICIAL GUEST TICKET

United States Ship NANTUCKET (LCS 27)

Commissioning Ceremony

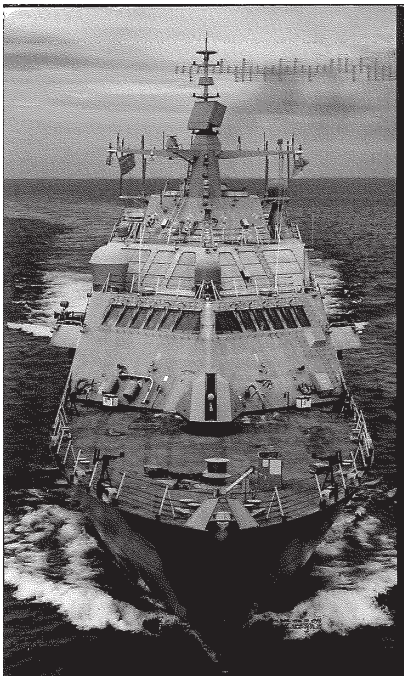
Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts

On Saturday, November 16, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Please present this card for seating.

Tickets are non-transferable.

To gain admittance to The National Parks of Boston, please see the back of this card for the liability waiver.



Photograph courtesy of Lockheed Martin

The USS NANTUCKET Commissioning Committee cordially invites you to attend the

Chairman's Reception

Please join us as we toast the upcoming commissioning of USS NANTUCKET (LCS 27) and thank those who have made the commissioning possible.

Friday, November 15, 2024
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wharf Room
Boston Harbor Hotel
70 Rowes Wharf
Boston, MA 02110

To RSVP and see more details, please visit
www.ussnantucket.org/chairmans

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Governor's request for a special Honor Guard for a visiting High Ranking Dignitary at the Statehouse

My fellow Ancients,

Governor Maura Healey has contacted MAJ Michael A. Fish, CC and BG Joseph Milano, Chief Military Aide to the Governor regarding a special Honor Guard at the Statehouse for a visiting high - ranking dignitary. The date for this event is Thursday, 5 December 2024. Please see the details below.

Please report to the Statehouse NLT 1230 Hours. Enter the Statehouse through the Hooker side entrance and proceed directly to room 280 (Governor's Office) for further instructions. Uniform of the day is the Parade Uniform with hat and white gloves. The Members will be briefed on the program and informed when to proceed to the Beacon Street side of the Statehouse.

The Company Adjutant will instruct members to line up in position by protocol on the stairs to form an Honor Guard for this distinguished visitor.

After the dignitaries have passed through the Honor Guard, the Company will be dismissed.

The Captain would like a robust turnout in order to maintain a positive rapport with the Governor's Office.

Facta non Verba,

MAJ Michael A. Fish, Esq.

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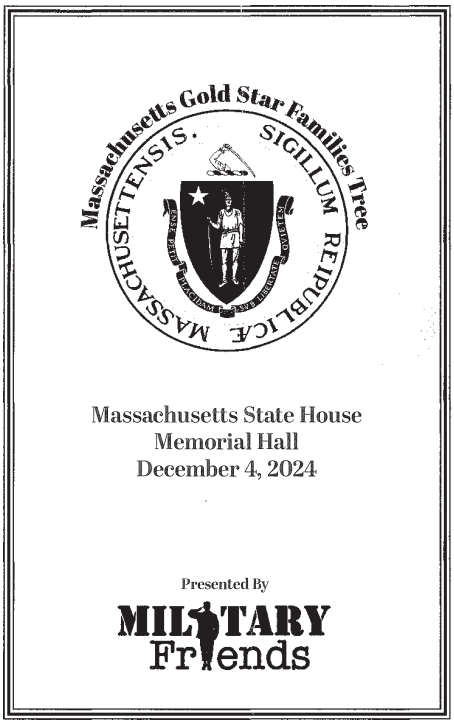
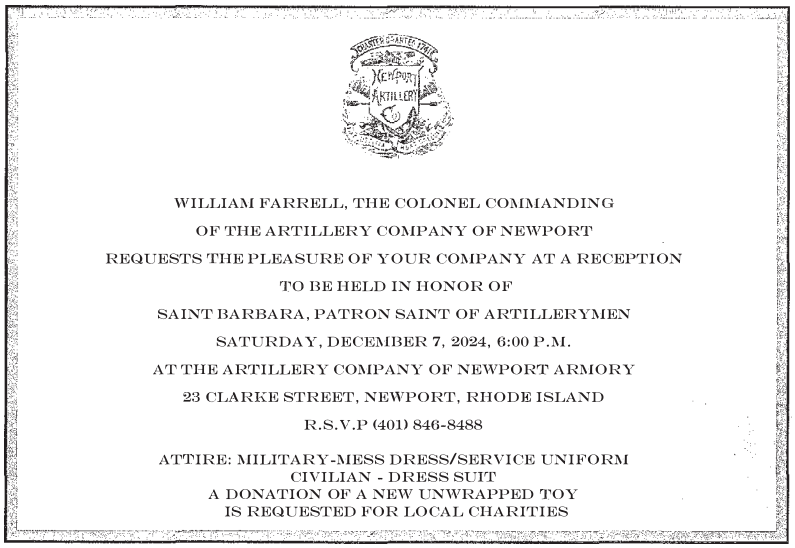

Massachusetts Gold Star Families Tree
SIGILLUM REIPUBLICÆ MASSACHUSETTENSIS
Massachusetts State House
Memorial Hall
December 4, 2024
Presented By
MILITARY
Friends


WILLIAM FARRELL, THE COLONEL COMMANDING
OF THE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF NEWPORT
REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AT A RECEPTION
TO BE HELD IN HONOR OF
SAINT BARBARA, PATRON SAINT OF ARTILLERYMEN
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024, 6:00 P.M.
AT THE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF NEWPORT ARMORY
23 CLARKE STREET, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
R.S.V.P (401) 846-8488
ATTIRE: MILITARY-MESS DRESS/SERVICE UNIFORM
CIVILIAN - DRESS SUIT
A DONATION OF A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY
IS REQUESTED FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

Promotion Ceremony

Promotion Ceremony
Colonel
Kenneth P. Wisniewski III
To
Brigadier General

07 December 2024 at 1200
Faneuil Hall
04 Faneuil Hall Square,
Boston, Massachusetts

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COL Wisniewski's awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.

COL Wisniewski is a Director in the Biotechnology industry. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Bryant University and a master's degree in business administration from Bentley University. He resides in Lakeville, Massachusetts with Holly, his wife of 22 years, along with their four children, Katie, Ava, Kenneth IV, and Emma, who are 20, 19, 17 and 15 years of age, respectively.

General Officer's Belt:

The history of the General Officer's belt dates back to World War II. Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall directed that the belt be issued to all General Officers. The thick leather belt with an 18-karat gold-plated buckle and an imprint of an eagle was first produced in 1944. In 1956, the color was changed from brown to its current black. Today, the occasion and uniform with which the belt is worn are at the discretion of the General Officer.

General Officer's Pistol:

The practice of issuing pistols to General Officers began during World War II, when they were issued the colt caliber 380 pocket model. General Officer pistols are issued to the Officer and they may purchase the weapon upon retirement. The pistols are stamped with serial numbers prefixed with the letters "GO" for General Officer.

General Officer's Flag:

Throughout the history of warfare, a General Officer's individual flag has symbolized leadership on the battlefield. The flag's distinctive color and arrangement of stars represents the General's branch of service and rank. Customs and courtesies dictate that this flag is present at all military functions where the General Officer has an active role, and that the flag is visibly displayed in the General Officer's headquarters.

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101ST FIELD ARTILLERY
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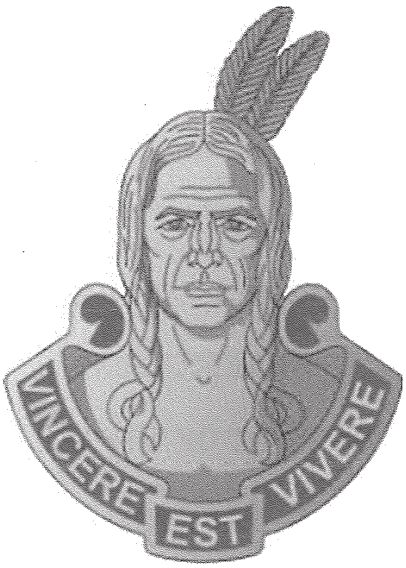

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Governor Maura Healey has contacted MAJ Michael A. Fish, CC and BG Joseph Milano, Chief Military Aide to the Governor regarding a special Honor Guard at the Statehouse for a visiting Head of State. The date for this event is Monday 10 February 2025. Please see the details below.

Enter the Statehouse through the Hooker side entrance NLT 1000 hours and proceed directly to room 280, the Governor's Office for further instructions. Uniform of the day is the Parade Dress Uniform with hat and white gloves. The members will be briefed on the program for the day and informed when to proceed to the Beacon Street side of the Statehouse.

The Company Adjutant will instruct members to line up in position by protocol on the stairs to form an Honor Guard for this distinguished visitor.

After the visiting party has passed through the Honor Guard, the Company will be dismissed.

The Captain Commanding is asking for a robust turnout for this special request from the Governor. We currently have a great rapport with the Governor's Office and this will only help to bolster our relations.

Facta non Verba

MAJ Michael A. Fish, ESQ

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3 December 2024

Dear BG Douglas Slocum,

Captain Commanding MAJ Michael A. Fish ESQ, the officers, men, and women of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company request the honor of your presence for the 140th annual Presidents' Day Luncheon to be given Monday 17 February 2025 at the Armory, 4th Floor of Faneuil Hall, Boston, at One o'clock in the afternoon.

This tradition commemorates the participation of the Company as Honorary Escort to the President of the United States, Chester A. Arthur upon the occasion of the dedication of the Washington Monument, 21 February 1885. President Arthur was an Honorary Member of the Company having been enrolled on 12 October 1882.

Please join MAJ Michael Fish and the other distinguished guests for a private reception in the Captain's Quarters in the Armory at noon.

The favor of your reply is requested by Friday 17 January 2025 to the Executive Secretary by telephone at 617-227-1638, or by email at execsec@ahac.us.com.

Respectfully,

LT Joseph Regan
Executive Secretary

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MAJ Michael A. Fish
Captain Commanding 2024 - 2025
Headquarters
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

ARMORY, FANEUIL HALL **BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**
GENERAL ORDER #3 **31 January 2025**

1. **SITUATION: 17 February 2025 is the 140th commemoration of the participation of the AHAC as honorary escort to the President of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, on the occasion of the dedication of the Washington Monument, Washington, D.C., on Saturday, the twenty-first day of February 1885. President Arthur was a member of the AHAC, having been enrolled on 12 October 1882.**

2. **MISSION: The commemorative reception and luncheon will be given at the armory, Faneuil Hall, Boston MA at 1300 Hours.**

3. **COMMANDER'S INTENT: The Presidents' Day reception and luncheon are among the most enjoyable and important historic traditions of the company. This event reinforces the historic nature of our company and the service rendered by the organization as well as the individual members to our city, commonwealth, and nation. It is my intent that we shall have an enjoyable luncheon which will afford our members the opportunity to meet some of the most distinguished military, political and diplomatic personnel from the Boston area.**

   In keeping with another company tradition, the candidates for the 2025 - 2026 Company Command Year will be hosting a reception at the Union Oyster House beginning at 1000 hours. I trust members will avail themselves of the opportunity to meet the candidates and learn their program for the coming year. Thanks once again for BG Joe Milano making the Union Oyster House available for this event.

4. **I remind members that this is a high - profile event and it is expected that the highest standard of uniform discipline will be observed. (e.g. uniform blouses (jackets) should remain buttoned and should not be removed at any time.) It is understood that members and guests will render appropriate courtesy to all speakers and refrain from conversation during remarks. The uniform is parade uniform or Service Class A for members and business attire for guests.**

4. **EXECUTION:**
   (1) Officers and members will report to the armory at 1200 hours.
   (2) The captain's reception for head table guests will be in the Captain's quarters at 1200 hours.
   (3) Protocol committee will provide greeters / escorts for VIP guests NLT 1145
   (4) Executive secretary will provide a roster of VIP guests to the protocol chair NLT 14 February 2025.
   (5) All members should be seated prior to 1300 hours
   (6) Head table guests will be seated by 1300.
   (7) The adjutant will organize head table guests for seating and announcement to the company.
   (8) Captain commanding will announce the head table once the guests are in place and members are seated.
   (9) Immediately following head table introductions, the Captain will order the colors be posted, honors will be rendered to the nation and an invocation delivered by Rev (LtCol) Michael Medas, chaplain. Members and guests will be instructed to sit and luncheon will be served.

(10) Immediately following luncheon, remarks will be delivered by the guest speaker, Brigadier General John D. Slocum, USAF (ret)

(11) OD and OGs will circulate to ensure that proper courtesy and attention is rendered to the distinguished guest speaker.

(12) At the conclusion of the luncheon, Rabbi (COL) Laurence Bazer will offer a closing prayer.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) UNIFORM: Uniform for members is parade uniform without gloves or military service Class A for those entitled to wear same. New members and guests shall wear proper business attire.
(2) SUBSCRIPTION: Luncheon tickets are $135.00 per person, $99.00 per guest. Make payments to: AHAC, PO Box 130042, Boston, MA 02113.

(3) OFFICER OF THE DAY (OD):	**LT Stephen Colella**
(4) OFFICERS OF THE GUARD (OG):	**LTC Michael Wabrek**
	COL Ron Barnes

(5) Sergeants of infantry and artillery will report to the adjutant at the armory at 1130 hours.
(6) Sergeant major and the color guard will report to the adjutant at the armory at 1130 hours.
(7) Past commanders are requested to report to the Captain's quarters at 1145 hours to form a reception committee for distinguished guests.
(8) AHAC quartermaster will coordinate issue of AHAC colors and OD/OG Sashes.
(9) Estimated time of event conclusion is 1500 hours.

Official:
BG John Driscoll
Adjutant

By order of:
MAJ Michael A. Fish
Captain Commanding 2024 - 2025

SPEAKING NOTES HEAD TABLE INTRODUCTIONS LIST VIP TABLE INTRODUCTION LIST

DISTINGUISHED HEAD TABLE GUESTS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OF THE VIP TABLE, DISTINGUISHED PAST COMMANDERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, COMMAND STAFF, REVEREND/CLERGY, INVITED GUESTS, ANCIENTS ALL.

WELCOME TO THE 140TH CELEBRATION OF PRESIDENTS DAY HERE IN OUR FANEUIL HALL ARMORY, LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, HOME TO THE OLDEST CHARTERED MILITARY COMPANY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, THIRD OLDEST IN THE WORLD. I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY AS THE 316TH CAPTAIN COMMANDING AND PROUD TO BE A PART OF HISTORY AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE. YOUR PROGRAMS SPEAK OF THE FIRST PRESIDENTS DAY LUNCHEON AND WHY WE CONTINUE THIS PROUD TRADITION IN OUR COMPANY.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER TODAY COMES TO US FROM THE DETROIT MICHIGAN AREA BUT PROUDLY HE WAS BORN ON CAPE COD. I HOPE YOU GET A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO HIM BEFORE THIS DAY ENDS AS HE IS A TRUE LEGEND IN AIR COMBAT, AN AMERICAN HERO AND A HERO TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL.

I WANT TO THANK ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ANCIENT'S WHO HAVE VOLUNTERED TO ENSURE THIS PROGRAM FLOWS SMOOTHLY, I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK OUR EXECUTIVE SEC. LT. JOSEPH REGAN AND ASST EXEC SEC LT. STEPHEN COAN WHO HAVE WORKED WITH ME CLOSELY ON THIS PROGRAM. I ASK FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REMEMBER ALL OUR FALLEN ANCIENT BROTHERS WHO CANNOT BE WITH US TODAY.

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR MEAL, WE WILL HAVE A FEW INTERUPTIONS DURING THE MEAL FOR PRESENTATIONS.

HEAD TABLE INTRODUCTIONS (RIGHT)

√MAJOR MICHAEL FISH, CC

√BG DOUGLAS "ODIE" SLOCUM, GUEST SPEAKER USAF

√FIRST LT JOHN DAMIANO AHAC

√CAPTAIN GEORGE MORRISON PC COS USAF

LTC ELADIO MEDRANO 101ST F/A USA

CAPTAIN DANIEL MAY PC USN

LCDR ROBERT DRIETZ XO USS CONSTITUTION USN

CAPT GERARD MCCARTHY PC AHAC

?~~BG~~ PETER FIORENTINO 42ND INF DIV NY

CAPT ROBERT IMLACH PC USA

MW JUSTIN PETTY PRINCE HALL GL OF MASONS MASS

? JOHN ALLISON CITY OF BOSTON OFFICE VET AFFAIRS

RW JOHN MACLEOD DEP GM OF MASONS MASS

CAPT TIM HARADEN PC ADJUTANT USN

HEAD TABLE (LEFT)

MG GARY KEEFE TAG NG USAF

SECOND LT ROBERT COLLINS AHAC

BG KENNETH WISNIEWSKI DEP TAG NY NG USA

BG JOSEPH MILANO SENIOR PC CHIEF MILITARY AIDE TO GOV. USA

? CAPT JAMIE FREDERICK CMDR USCG BASE BOSTON USCG Albanese

CAPTAIN JEROME SWEENEY PC USMC

~~RANK?~~ SEC. JOHN SANTIAGO SEC. VET AFFAIRS MASS

CAPTAIN DENNIS OBRIEN PC AHAC

COL. GEOFFREY NOBLE COMMANDER MASS STATE PD

CAPTAIN THOMAS GOODFELLOW PC USA

MASTER CHIEF RON ROSS USS MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSIONING GROUP

CITY COUNCELOR EDWARD FLYNN CITY OF BOSTON USN

RABBI/COL. LAURENCE BAZER AHAC CHAPLAIN USA

FATHER/LTC MICHAEL MEDAS AHAC CHAPLAIN USAF

VIP TABLE INTRODUCTIONS

LT JOSEPH REGAN EXEC SEC AHAC LT. STEPHEN COAN ASST EXEC SEC ASST PERSONNEL ADJ AHAC

DR. ANDREA GAYLE BENNETT ASST SEC. VETERAN AFFAIRS MASS. LT BARTON HYTE PAO AHAC

RW DON LALIBERTE GL MASONS MASS. LT JOHN MITCHELL LIAISON 250TH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SPECIAL EVENTS, BG DONALD MOFFORD AHAC USAF, RABBI JONATHON HAUSMAN DEAR FRIEND, FUTURE ANCIENT AND CHAPLAIN JWV, WILLIAM FITZWILLIAM ? LT. RICHARD KINGSBORO CHAIRMAN FINCOM AHAC, LT RALPH KANE LONGTIME DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF COMPANY, BG ENOCH "WOODY" WOODHOUSE II USAF, TUSKEEGEE AIRMAN

THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER VIPS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS SCATTERED AND I APOLOGIZE IF I DID NOT RECOGNIZE.

INTRODUCTION BG DOUGLAS "ODIE" SLOCUM

FORMER COMMANDER 127TH WING SELFRIDGE ANGB MICHIGAN, A 1984 ROTC GRADUATE, 8 YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE THEN ANG, DEVELOPED TRAINING AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR WARFIGHTERS, A FIGHTER FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION, INDUCTED INTO THE AF HALL OF FAME, A GREAT SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL, AUTHOR OF THE BOOK MANY OF YOU PURCHASED. IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT BG DOUG "ODIE" SLOCUM USAF.

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Congratulations on your 140th Annual President Luncheon!
We commend your dedicated efforts in preserving the historic and patriotic traditions of our city, Commonwealth and Nation!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: Kathryn Louijeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guntas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: February 14, 2025

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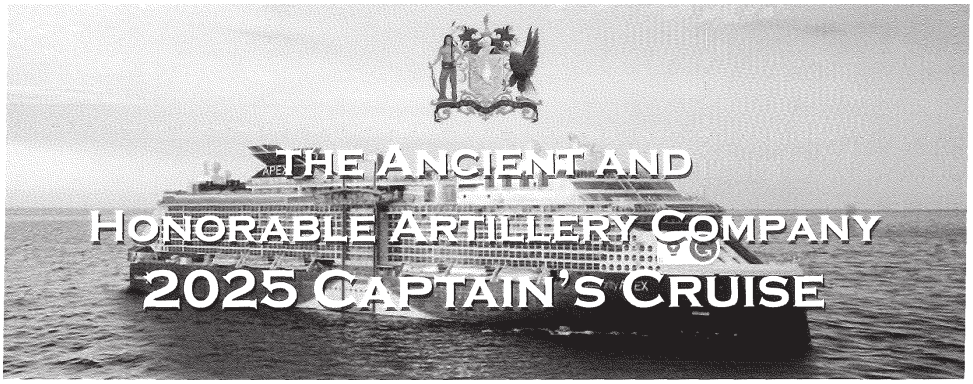

Register now for the much anticipated AHAC Captain's Cruise
February 22 - March 1, 2025

Join your fellow Ancient's and guests for a 7 night Caribbean voyage on the fabulous Celebrity Apex ship!

A Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star Rated resort at sea, Celebrity Apex® is one of the newest ships in their highly anticipated Edge® series. With a futuristic exterior design and indoor and outdoor spaces perfect for celebrating, getting together, or taking a moment to unwind.

Great Destinations

Our cruise departs Fort Lauderdale, Florida on Saturday 22 February and returns to Fort Lauderdale on Saturday March 1. We'll make wonderful stops at Basseterre, St.Kitts, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic as well as sea days to relax and enjoy the best this magnificent ship has to offer while cruising the Caribbean Sea with your friends.

We have reserved a limited number of veranda staterooms on a first come first served basis, starting at $2,037 per person* (double occupancy).

** Other rates and categories are available and further discounts may apply at time of booking. Other benefits may also apply depending on offers at the time of booking or upgrades.*

SPECIAL AMENITIES EXCLUSIVE TO OUR GROUP
-Pre-Cruise party in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida Friday, 21 February hosted by our longest-serving member COL Bill Tregoning and his lovely wife Sheila
-Nightly AHAC gatherings
-Special AHAC-only event in the British Virgin Islands

Sign up today! Book now for an amazing experience.

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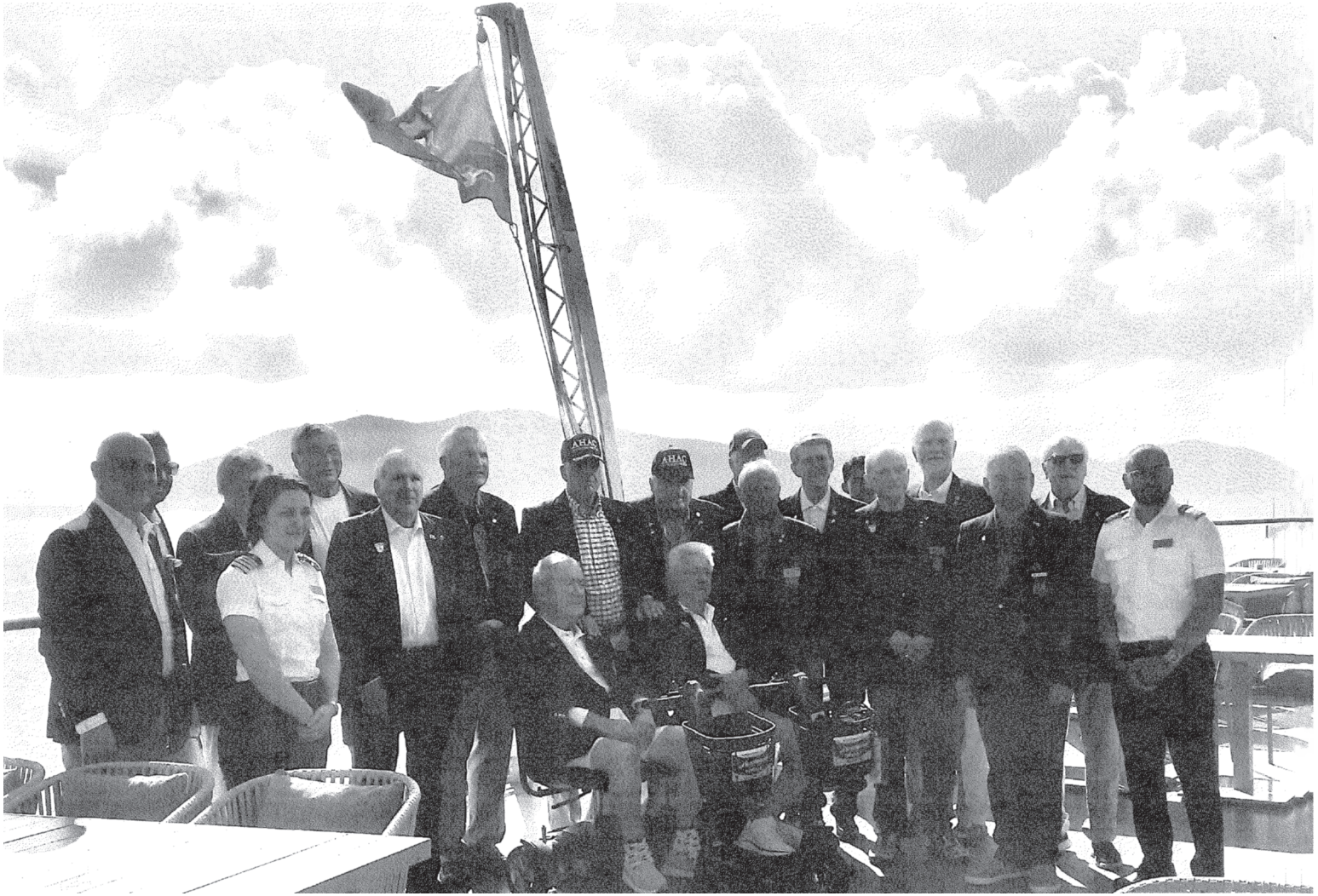
1.617.939.8066
ahac@emersify.com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USS THOMAS HUDNER (DDG 116) Commissioning Committee
Massachusetts Bay Council, Navy League of the United States

CAPT Thomas V. Hennessey, Jr., USN (Ret.)
Committee Chairman

Nancy and Richard Kelleher
Honorary Co-Chairs

24 March 2025

Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire
316th Captain Commanding
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
4 Faneuil Hall Sq, Boston, MA 02109

Dear Mike,

On behalf of the USS THOMAS HUDNER Commissioning Committee of the Navy League, I would like to thank you and the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company for the wonderful reception that you sponsored for the crew of USS THOMAS HUDNER. The ship had just arrived a few hours earlier and your reception was a perfect welcome to Boston!

Dan May did a superb job organizing the event especially on short notice. The Captain and the crew of the ship were most appreciative of your hospitality.

Sincerely,

Tom

Thomas V. Hennessey, Jr.
Captain, USN (Ret)
Commissioning Committee Chairman
USS THOMAS HUDNER (DDG 116)

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6 April 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

MAJ Michael A. Fish, ESQ, Captain Commanding, the officers, men and women of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts respectfully request your presence at the 388th June Day Drum Head Election and Commissioning Ceremony to be held on the Boston Common Parade Ground Monday 2 June 2025 at 1400 Hours.

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Massachusetts is the oldest Chartered Military Organization in the Western Hemisphere, founded in 1637 and chartered by Governor of Massachusetts John Winthrop in 1638. Our organization, headquartered in historic Faneuil Hall in Boston, Massachusetts is proud to have had four previous U.S. Presidents as members; James Monroe, Chester Arthur, Calvin Coolidge and John F. Kennedy.

We request that as the Commander in Chief of all US Military Units you troop the line, witness the resignations of the out-going officers, commission the in-coming officers and take the salute as participating formations pass in review.

We also request the honor of your presence as our honored guest at the annual black-tie banquet to be given at the Marriott Courtyard Downtown Boston Hotel that evening at 1900 Hours. The Captain's private reception will be given before the banquet at 1800 Hours. A formal invitation will follow.

Please notify the undersigned of your availability at execsec@ahac.us.com or 617-227-1638.

Respectfully,

LT Joseph Regan
Executive Secretary
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Massachusett

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FINCOM Report to the Standing Committee

7 April 2025

To: Member of the Standing Committee

From: LT Richard Kingsborough, FINCOM Chair 2024-25

RE: Committee Report

Hall & Hall Review. FINCOM finalized wording on company history and current status on financial review. Paymaster Jon Sidoti presenting to Standing Committee.

Colella CY Budget. Pursuant to Rule 309r, Incoming CC Colella presented his command year budget to the FINCOM. We iterated his proposed expenditures and then determined, in discussion with him, the dues rates for the CY2025-2026 budget. The rates are:

Regular Member:	$775 – Rule 114a
Life (<75 years old):	$580 – Rule 104b
Senior Life (>75 years old):	$230 – Rule 104e
Non Resident:	$385 – Rule 108b
Right of Descent:	$100 – Rule 106e set by FINCOM

Club Express Portal. System is online and ready to accept assessment payments.

Respectfully submitted,

LT Richard P. Kingsborough
Chair, FINCOM 2024-25

AHAC
Spring Awards Ceremony
Awardees

To be presented at Spring Awards Ceremony
7 APR 2025

Meritorious Achievement Medal:
LT Stephen M. Coan
LT Gail A. Thomas
PVT John Wilder

Meritorious Commendation Medal:
BG John J. Driscoll
SGT James E. Linardy
LT Jon C. Sidoti
SGT Donald F. Strunk

To be Presented at Drum Head Election and Change of Command Ceremony

Meritorious Service Medal:
LT Stephen A. DaCorta
CPT Timothy J. Haraden, PC
LT Brett P. Henry
LT John S. Mitchell
SGM Brian Ward

NAVY TALENT ACQUISITION GROUP
NEW ENGLAND
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New England
CHANGE OF COMMAND
Friday, 11 April 2025 at 1100
Faneuil Hall
Boston, Massachusetts
Commanding Officer
Commander Forrest "Tres" James III
United States Navy
Relieving Commanding Officer
Commander Calvin Beads
United States Navy

For detailed parade information, please refer to the

Town of Lexington's parade orders below:

Town of Lexington Town Celebrations Committee

1625 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE • LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02420 Telephone: (781) 698-4640 ~ Fax: (781)-863-9468 Email: celebrationscmte@lexingtonma.gov 7/16/17

PATRIOTS' DAY PARADE ORDERS

Saturday, April 19, 2025

1. PURPOSE:

To commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, a parade will be held in Lexington, Massachusetts on Saturday, April 19, 2025.

2. PARADE CONTACT:

Town Celebrations Committee,

David Grabel

Cell: 978-473-9361 email: dgrabel@acm.org

Glen Bassett

Cell: 508-314-2912 email: bassettlex@aol.com

3. PARKING:

There is NO parking at the start of the parade for vehicles.

Plan out your travel in advance. There will be road closures throughout the area. Check Lex250.org for information on road closures and public transportation.

Leave extra time for travel to account for large crowds and traffic.

Marchers have three options:

a. Shuttle Bus:

Parking is available for your unit at the Harrington School, 328 Lowell St, Lexington, MA 02420. We will provide shuttle buses from that parking lot to the parade registration desk. Please check in as soon as you depart from the bus. The first shuttle leaves the Harrington School at 11:30 AM. and the last shuttle leaves at 1:15 PM. At the parade's conclusion, there will be shuttle buses at Lexington High School returning to this parking lot.

b. Drop Off by bus:

Your unit may be dropped off at the intersection of Maple St. and Massachusetts Ave. You can reach this location from Lowell St. Buses should park at the Lexington High School parking lot on Worthen Road.

c. Vehicles in the Parade

Parade vehicles must enter the staging area at Massachusetts Ave. area near Pleasant St. Check-in to get your vehicle tag, parade slot number, and unit leader credentials and lanyard. The vehicle must match the information previously provided in order to receive a tag. Police will only allow vehicles in the parade that have a proper parade tag displayed.

4. CHECK IN:

All unit leaders must check in at one of the registration desks. If you charge a fee, the Town of Lexington will not issue payment unless you have checked in.

You will be given parade credentials and a lanyard. These credentials must be displayed throughout the parade. Any units in the parade area without credentials will not be allowed to march in the parade. You will also be given the slot number for your unit in the staging area.

There will be two registration desks. The primary desk will be near the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Pleasant Street. For those parking at the Harrington School and taking a bus, there will be a registration desk near Maple St. and Massachusetts Avenue.

5. PARADE ROUTE:

a. Proceed west on Massachusetts Avenue from your assigned slot through the center of town.

b. Bear left at the traffic island before the Minuteman Statue to stay on Massachusetts Avenue.

c. Marching units wider than 4 abreast will have to split at the island. Marchers on the right will stay to the right of the island and follow the road to the left of the Minute Man statue and reconnect with your unit on Massachusetts Ave.

d. All units must turn LEFT onto Worthen Road and continue toward Lexington High School.

e. The parade will end when you pass the skating park on Worthen Road. There will be a sign indicating the end of the parade.

f. For the safety of your fellow parade participants, DO NOT STOP before the end of the parade.

6. TRANSPORTATION AFTER THE PARADE

a. There will be buses at the Lexington High School parking lot to take units back to the parking lots at the Harrington School or Lexington Community Center. Please remember where you parked and take the appropriate bus.

b. If your group arrived by bus, you can meet that bus in the Lexington High School parking lot on Worthen Rd.

c. Equipment trucks and horse vans will also be parked in the Lexington High School parking lot.

d. Floats and show vehicles can drop off participants once they have passed the end of the parade. Please leave the drop-off area as soon as possible.

7. ASSEMBLY:

a. Massachusetts Avenue will be closed to all traffic (with the exception of official parade vehicles) from Pleasant Street to Worthen Rd. beginning at noon.

This will be strictly enforced to ensure the safety of all parade participants.

b. Units may begin checking in at 11:30 AM. ALL units must be checked in by

1:15 PM. and in place by 1:30 PM. The Parade will step off PROMPTLY AT 2:00 PM. Allow extra travel time to account for larger than usual crowds, traffic, and road closures.

c. Instructions will be given upon check-in. ALL units must abide by changes issued by the check-in desk.

d. ALL units are placed at the sole discretion of the Committee. NO CHANGES in the line of march may be made without the express permission of The Chairman of the Town Celebrations Committee.

e. Unauthorized units WILL NOT be permitted to join the parade. Only units with prior approval of the Town Celebrations Committee and shown on the parade roster are authorized.

f. IMPORTANT NOTE. Any handouts or distribution of any kind, by any group, including throwing candy or gifts to the spectators is strictly prohibited.

8. INTERVALS (between parade units), FORWARD MOVEMENT & CADENCE (speed of march down Mass Ave)

a. Parade participant units should keep a spacing interval of 20 paces (i.e., steps) between them and the unit in front of them. Keep a spacing interval of 10 paces within your unit if you have multiple sub-units in your Parade participant unit.

b. March approximately 4-8 abreast as you proceed down Mass Ave. Allow any vehicles you have to take up the entire lane on Mass Ave (left to right) and try not to have marchers

alongside the vehicles. Have vehicles move in single file - i.e., not abreast of each other. Instead, have vehicles proceed down Mass Ave in front of and behind each other..

c. Proceed down Mass Ave at a pace of 120 paces (steps) per minute. So, each Left-Right step takes 1 second. Each L-R step should be about 3 feet. So, proceed down Mass Ave at about 180 feet per minute. However, it is most important that you maintain your interval of 20 paces to the Parade unit in front of your unit in the Parade.

d. Please consolidate space when positioned for the Start of the Parade. Keep 20 paces to the unit in front of you, so Step off when that unit in front of you begins to move - at that point after you start your unit may expand as needed to the spacing or formation you desire in the Parade down Mass Ave.

e. Units should not stop during the parade, except to allow units to enter the parade from side streets. Parade unit coordinators will indicate if you have to stop for units on side streets. If the unit in front of you slows or stops, PLEASE proceed, allowing your unit to expand and contract as necessary to maintain your Parade Speed and especially your 20-step interval to the Parade unit in front of you.

9. MUSIC & SALUTES:

a. ALL Bands are asked to play as they pass the National Heritage Museum, Muzzey Condominiums and Saint Brigid's Church

b. ALL Bands are asked to play as much as possible from the Police Station through the Center of Town.

c. ALL Bands MUST play as they pass the reviewing stand on Massachusetts Avenue in front of the Visitor's Center

d. Military Bands should be ready to play "Ruffles-Flourish" for General Officers.

e. Live firing during the parade is prohibited. Do not fire muskets or any firearm.

10. VEHICLES:

ALL Vehicles operating in the parade must be properly registered and carry appropriate insurance. Each vehicle must display its parade vehicle tag on the windshield or hanging from its rear view mirror. Police will only allow vehicles in the parade that have a proper parade tag displayed.

ALL drivers of vehicles MUST have the appropriate license with them for the type of vehicle they are operating.

11. RESTROOMS, FIRST AID & EMERGENCIES:

a. Restrooms are available adjacent to the check-in desk and along the parade route.

b. Police cruisers have first aid capability and direct access to Fire and Police Headquarters as well as the Town Celebrations Committee. If you need assistance, contact an officer or any member of the Committee.

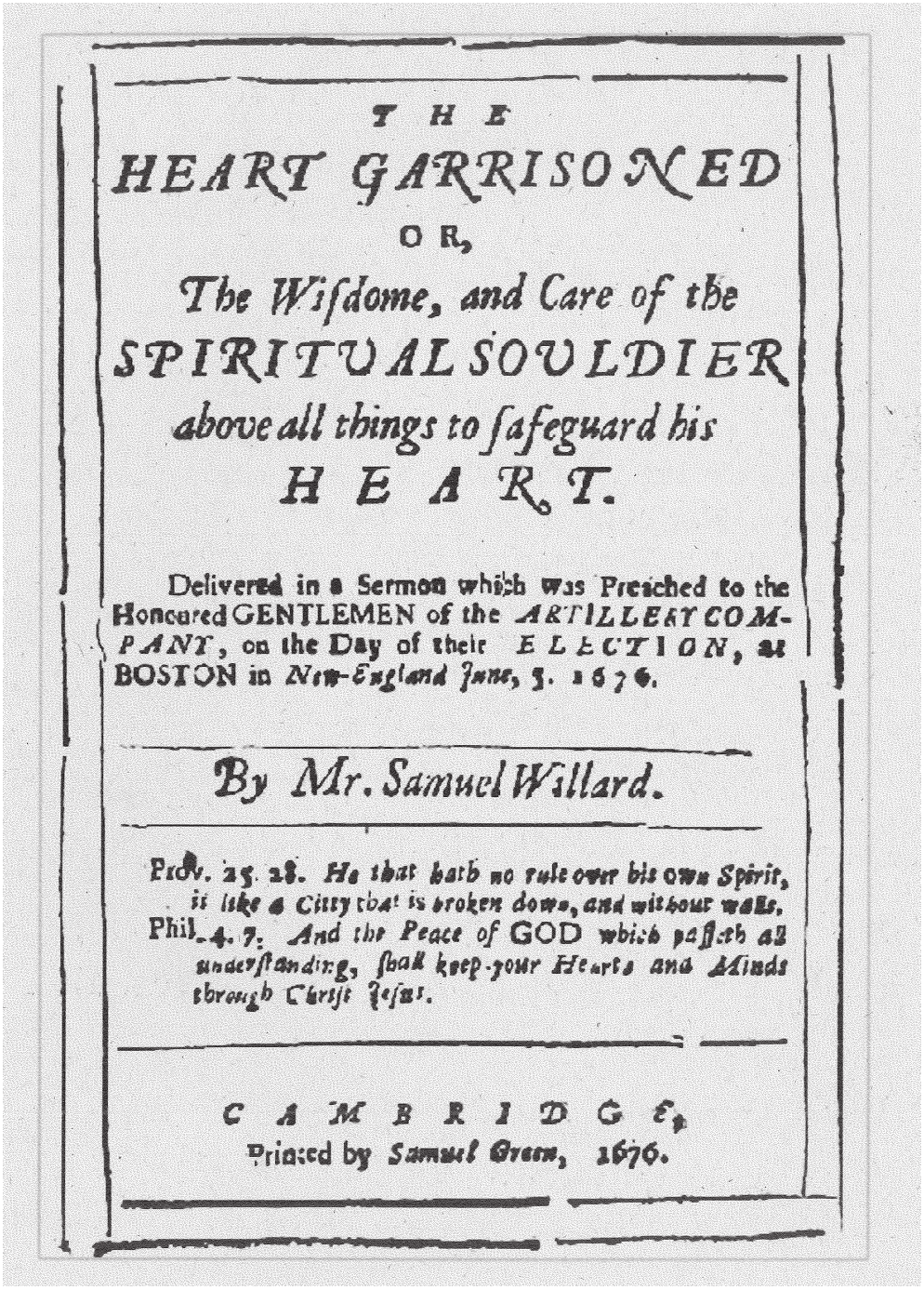
c. In the event of an emergency, ALL UNITS will move to the RIGHT SIDE of Massachusetts Avenue to allow emergency vehicles to pass and remain there in formation until the order to move forward is given by the Chief Marshal.

Official:

BG John Driscoll
Adjutant

By order of:

MAJ Michael A. Fish
Captain Commanding



THE
HEART GARRISONED
OR,
The Wisdome, and Care of the
SPIRITUAL SOULDIER
above all things to safeguard his
HEART.

Delivered in a Sermon which was Preached to the Honoured GENTLEMEN of the ARTILLERY COMPANY, on the Day of their ELECTION, at BOSTON in New-England June, 5. 1676.

By Mr. Samuel Willard.

Prov. 25. 28. He that hath no rule over his own Spirit, is like a City that is broken down, and without walls.
Phil. 4. 7. And the Peace of GOD which passeth all understanding, shall keep your Hearts and Minds through Christ Jesus.

CAMBRIDGE,
Printed by Samuel Green, 1676.

MAJ Michael A. Fish
Captain Commanding 2024 - 2025
Headquarters
Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

ARMORY, FANEUIL HALL BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109

PARADE ORDER NUMBER 5 14 April 2025

1. **MONDAY 21 APRIL 2025,** the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company will participate in the observance of Patriot's Day, commencing with the flag raising at City Hall Plaza, followed by a parade to King's Chapel Burying Ground, for the purpose of placing a wreath on the tomb of **MAJ William Dawes**, a member of this Company, and its Clerk, in 1789. The Company will then parade to the Old Granary Burial Ground and place a wreath at the grave of **Paul Revere**. Parade continues to its completion at the Paul Revere Mall on Hanover Street in the North End. The Company will serve as escort to Her Honor **Michelle Wu**, Mayor of the City of Boston, during these ceremonies.

2. **COMMANDER'S INTENT:** Among the most important missions of the Company is to actively support and participate in the patriotic and ceremonial life of the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To that end I desire that we have a maximum participation of members in the ceremonies and parades held here at Boston and at Lexington to commemorate the beginning of our Revolution, our War of Independence. I expect every member to do his duty and to uphold the highest standards of military bearing, drill and uniform discipline. We must consistently present a professional military appearance. If you need assistance with your uniform do not hesitate to ask for assistance from the Sergeant Major. Remember at all times that this is a military company, not merely a collegial organization whose members happen to dress alike!

3. **CONCEPT OF OPERATION:**
   a. The Captain Commanding will be the Commander of troops.
   b. Colors, guidons and the Company banner will be carried.
   c. ORDER OF MARCH:
      Captain Commanding and Adjutant
      Honorary Staff
      Colors and Standards
      Infantry Wing Commander and Wing Adjutant
      Infantry Wing
      Artillery Wing Commander and Wing Adjutant
      Artillery Wing

4. **COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:**
   a. **REPORT:**
      (1) PRE-PARADE ASSEMBLY: Collation at 0745 hours at the Union Oyster House, courtesy of **BG Joseph Milano, PC**.
      (2) ASSEMBLY AREA FOR CEREMONY AND PARADE: City Hall Plaza, Boston,

(3) TIME: NLT 0800 Hours, 21 April 2025
(4) PARADE CREDIT: Members are reminded to report to the Personnel Adjutant, or Personnel Sergeant, to receive credit for the parade.
(5) Quartermaster will coordinate issue of equipment.

b. UNIFORM:
1. Parade Dress, black shoes, white gloves, belt and cover and black military overcoat if inclement weather (at Captain's discretion)
2. Service A Uniform may be worn by those members entitled to wear same.

c. COLLATION: A light collation will be held at the Armory, Faneuil Hall after the parade.

Official:
BG John Driscoll
Adjutant

By order of:
MAJ Michael A. Fish
Captain Commanding

Mr. Richard W. Elliot

Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library

33 Marrett Rd.

Lexington, MA.

Saturday 19 April 2025

As the 316th Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, I want to thank you and your staff for preserving and protecting our American heritage. As a member of both Massachusetts Masons and the Ancient and Honorable I know the hard work, diligence and commitment that you and your staff dedicate each and every day. Your museum is a treasure to Massachusetts and its preservation of American history. Several years ago I began planning and organizing the 250th Anniversary events during my 2025 command year. Because of your understanding and patience both Massachusetts Masons and Ancients united in a common cause, and celebrated the birth of a nation in your amazing facility. I personally cannot thank you enough for your inspiring words at the podium. Faneuil Hall and the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company extend an open welcome to our armory. I look forward to future endeavors and a sharing of common values as we continue our American adventure.

Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire

316th Captain Commanding

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

Special ROTC Award ceremony

Traditionally, AHAC bestows a special "Leadership Award" to the local area ROTC programs at our neighboring universities. This year, we will have two deserving candidates on hand to receive their awards:

MIDN 1/C GAVIN CAMPBELL from the Boston University / MIT Program and

CDT KEENAN KOSTYK from the Boston University Charles River battalion program.

Congratulations to these outstanding ROTC Cadets

Join us in celebrating their accomplishments

SPEECH TO ROTC RECIPIENTS IN AHAC ARMORY

I WOULD ASK ALL ROTC CADETS AND GUESTS TO PLEASE RISE AND BE RECOGNIZED.

WELCOME TO THE ARMORY, MUSEUM AND LIBRARY, HEADQUARTERS TO THE AHAC OF MASSACHUSETTS, THE OLDEST CHARTERED MILITARY COMPANY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, THIRD OLDEST IN THE WORLD, A TRIBUTE TO OUR MILITARY TRADITIONS PAST PRESENT AND YOU, THE FUTURE.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO CAREFULLY LOOK AROUND YOU AND UNDERSTAND, YOU ARE THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF OUR MILITARY FORCES. YOUR COMMANDS ARE THE SPINE OR MAIN BEAM HOLDING THOSE BUILDING BLOCKS OR 2X4'S TOGETHER.

THE ANCIENT & HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY AND MANY OF THE MILITARY COLONIAL MUSEUMS, ARMORIES, BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS WHICH STORE, TEACH AND MAINTAIN OUR MILITARY TRADITIONS AND HISTORY ARE THOSE FOUNDATION. THE FOUNDATION THAT HOLDS US AS A NATION TOGETHER. THE ANCIENT & HONORABLE WERE THAT TRAINING FOUNDATION, THE BEGINNINGS TO THE AMAZING TRAINING YOU RECEIVED PREPARING FOR YOU TO LEAD OUR MILITARY INTO THE FUTURE. THIS ARMORY WILL ALWAYS BE HOME TO YOU IN YOUR CAREERS, WE WELCOME YOU. I PRAY YOU ONLY EXPERIENCE IN YOUR CAREERS ESPRIT D' CORP AND FELOWSHIP AS YOU RISE IN RANK AND LEAD YOUNG INEXPERIENCED PERSONNEL WITH YOUR WISDOM. I NOW ASK THE ADJUTANT TO BEGIN THE CEREMONY.

ADJUTANT: PLEASEE CALL THE FOLLOWING RECIPIENTS TO THE FRONT FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THEIR AWARDS

CADET KEENAN KOSTYK: CHARLES RIVER BATTALION, BU ROTC

MIDSHIPMAN 1ST CLASS GAVIN CAMPBELL: BU / MIT ROTC

CADET MAKAYL BASAK: DETACHMENT 355, BU ROTC

22 April 2025

In unity with the Swiss Guard, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts mourn the loss of Pope Francis. He was such an inspirational man, an immense source of charity, solidarity, and human dignity. Our prayers for the soul of the late Pope are joined by prayers for the welfare of the Church and for the Cardinal Fathers as they prepare for the election of his successor.

Stay strong and safe in your preparations and we together will continue our missions, preservation of military tradition and history.

On behalf of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts,

Major Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire

316th Captain Commanding

The President and Court of Assistants of

The Honourable Artillery Company

request the pleasure of the company of

Capt Comd Michael Fish Esq

at our annual dinner in honour of St George

to be held at Armoury House, City Road, London EC1Y 2BQ

on Thursday 24th April

at 6:55pm for 7:05pm

White or Black Tie (White Tie preferred), Mess Dress or Blues with Decorations *Pour mémoire*

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

The Salon Orchestra of the Honourable Artillery Company Band
Director of Music: Major Bruce Miller
bmus (hons), lrsm, llcm (td), arcm, psm, vr

By kind permission of Lt Col G R Cobb vr Commanding Officer HAC

ENTRANCE OF GUESTS

Entrance — The Roast Beef of Old England — Richard Leveridge

MUSIC DURING DINNER

The Salon Orchestra of the Honourable Artillery Company Band
Leader: LCpl Justine Stringer

Prodana Nevesta - Smetena
Nights of Gladness – Ancliffe
The Boulevardier - Curzon
Namur – Richards
Elizabethan Serenade – Binge
The Best of the Beatles – Arr. Custer
Bohemian Rhapsody – Arr. Baker
Girl in Satin – Anderson
Amparito Roca - Texidor
Waltz No. 2 – Arr. Keeley

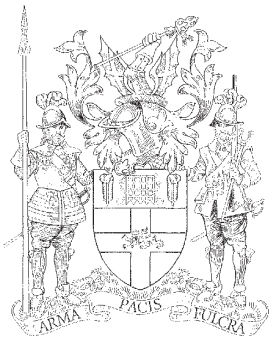
THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF

The United Kingdom, and
The United States of America

COMMUNAL SINGING

March	The Standard of St George	Alford
Rule, Britannia!		Arne arr Watts
Jerusalem		Parry
Land of Hope and Glory		Elgar
March	British Grenadiers	arr Kappey

Captain Commanding Major Michael Fish AHAC



Honourable Artillery Company

St George's Dinner
at
Armoury House

Thursday 24th April 2025

General Sir Roly Walker kcb, dso, adc gen
President, Honourable Artillery Company, presiding

Important Message – Tripe Dinner

Due to a very busy MAY schedule it has been agreed that the Annual Tripe Dinner will take place at the same place and time as the Lafayette Sergeants Farewell Party.

Thursday May 15th.: - 6:00PM to 9:00PM
Port 305 - 305 Victory Road., Quincy, Mass.

The Tripe Dinner offers the Captain the opportunity to thank Members & Staff and in return, the opportunity for them to thank the Captain for his faithful dedication to our Great Company.

We will present Captain Mike with a suitable gift to exemplify the success of his year as Captain Commander. Contributions are greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to George Morrison and mailed to P.O. Box 21, Foxboro, Mass. 02035.

RSVP no later than 10 May via e-mail to:

Geomatthew1@comcast.net
Cell 508-577-8871

NOTE: There is no additional cost to the Lafayette Sergeants Farewell Party of $ 125.00

BALLOT FORM

PLEASE NOTE: ALL ELECTED OFFICER POSITIONS WERE UNCONTESTED SO NO VOTE IS NEEDED FOR THESE POSITIONS

CANDIDATES FOR SERGEANT 2025 – 2026

(LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)

SERGEANTS OF INFANTRY		SERGEANTS OF ARTILLERY	
PVT DAVID CHAPIN	____	PVT EMERY HASKELL	____
PVT KEITH MacDONALD	____	PVT MACKLIN HEBERT	____
PVT PAYTON PRIVITERA	____	COL JEFFREY KEANE	____
PVT GARY YU	____		

Greetings all,
Below are the results from last night's Election Meeting. Congratulations to all candidates on being elected to the incoming Sergeants Group, The Centurion Sergeants!
Sergeants of Infantry 2025 - 2026
:
1SGT: Keith MacDonald
2SGT: Payton Privitera
3SGT: Gary Yu
4SGT: David Chapin

Sergeants of Artillery 2025 - 2026:

1SGT: Jeffrey Keane
2SGT: Macklin Hebert
3SGT: Emery Haskell

In regards the 4 rule change proposals, all four were passed by large margins. Please refer to previous emails if you need to refer to these proposals.

Both MAJ Michael Fish, CC and incoming CC Stephen Colella thank those members who participated in this annual event!

Respectfully submitted,
LT Joe Regan
Executive Secretary

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY

RULES AND REGULATIONS 2024-2025 PROPOSED CHANGES

TO: Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts Membership

SUBJECT: Proposed 2024-2025 AHAC Rules & Regulation Changes for Company Vote

FROM: Personal Adjutant & Clerk, LT Henry Hogan 06 May 2025

In accordance with AHAC Rules & Regulations Paragraph 901, the following proposed rule changes to the AHAC Rules and Regulations publicized by the AHAC February 2025 Meeting and announced in "AHAC Observations", are voted by the AHAC Standing Committee is hereby submitted for Company vote on Monday 12 May 2025:

1. COMMITTEES – (AHAC Finance Committee)

309. FINANCE COMMITTEE

ADD: 309j. (End line 2) No member may obligate the Company by their solo action.

ADD: 309k. (End line 3) No member may obligate the Company by their solo action.

TO READ:

309j. Contracts to which the Company is a party must have the approval of the Finance Committee prior to commitment. No member my obligate the Company by their solo action.

309k. Company purchases of goods and services, in a single buy of $500.00 or greater require approval of the Finance Committee. The Paymaster will not recognize for payment invoices of $500.00 or more that have not been approved. No member my obligate the Company by their solo action.

RATIONALE; The changes propose to create checks and balances on the obligations of the Company by establishing protocols of authorizations, disbursement of funds and appeals.

The AHAC Standing Committee RECOMMENDS FAVORABLY

YES [ ] NO [ ]

To the Crew of

USS MASSACHUSETTS (SSN-798)

Commissioned at Boston
April 19, 2025

Presented by

The Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts

Chartered 1638

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THE SECOND COMPANY,
GOVERNOR'S FOOT GUARD

TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINTH

ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

UNITED STATES ARMY
CHARLES RIVER BATTALION
RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY
Monday, May 19, 2025
10:00 A.M.
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
Boston, Massachusetts

National Catholic Community Foundation

05/28/2025

Mr. James R. Littleton
Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts
PO Box 130042
Boston, MA 02113

Dear Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts,

The National Catholic Community Foundation (NCCF) acknowledges with sincere appreciation, your recent cash donation in the amount of $1,200.00. Your contribution has been added to the Pontifical Guard Foundation Fund. This Fund will be administered by NCCF as a perpetual fund. In addition to acknowledging the receipt of this gift, NCCF acknowledges, with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service code, that NCCF did not provide any goods or services to you in consideration, in whole or in part for this contribution.

On behalf of the Board of the National Catholic Community Foundation, may I thank you for your generosity. We are grateful for your confidence in us.

Sincerely,

Ruth Canney
Ruth Canney
Controller

Thank you.

Visit our website at www.nccfcommunity.org to see how we can further assist you with your goals and assist your charities in theirs.

Yankee Division Veterans Association
National Headquarters
P.O. Box 890161 • Weymouth, MA 02189
Telephone: 617-825-2626

29 May 2025

MAJ Michael A Fish
Captain Commanding
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co
PO Box 130042
Boston, MA 02113

Dear MAJ Fish:

I am writing to thank you and the officers and enlisted men and women of the AHAC for the very generous donation to the YDVA sent to us by LT Jon Sidoti. The Ancients and the 26th Infantry Division (Yankee) have had a very long and close relationship. As you know, many Ancients are YDVA members as well.

The mission of the YDVA is to preserve the history and deeds of the 26th Yankee Division. We are starting a fund-raising campaign to pay for repairs to the roof of the YD Church in Belleau, France.

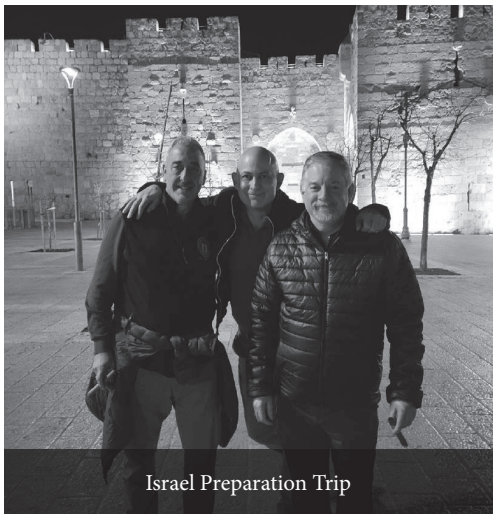
We also just paid for a sign that will go in front of the church that describes the role of the 26th in liberating Belleau in 1918.

Lastly, the YDVA and the AHAC jointly raised funds for major repairs to the church in 1986. A beautiful plaque mounted in the church attests to this campaign.

Again, thank you for this donation.

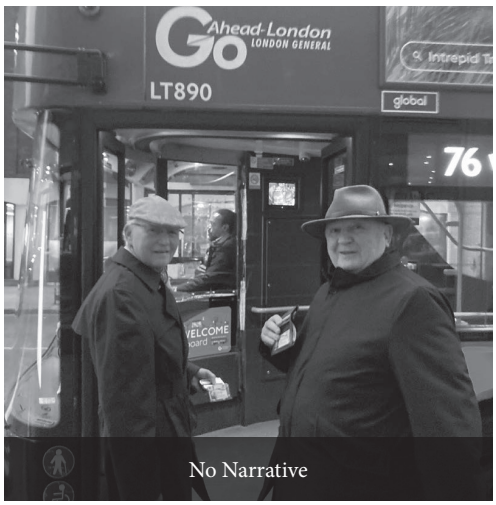
Sincerely,

BG Leonid Kondratiuk
National Commander



Israel Preparation Trip

Armory House Visit



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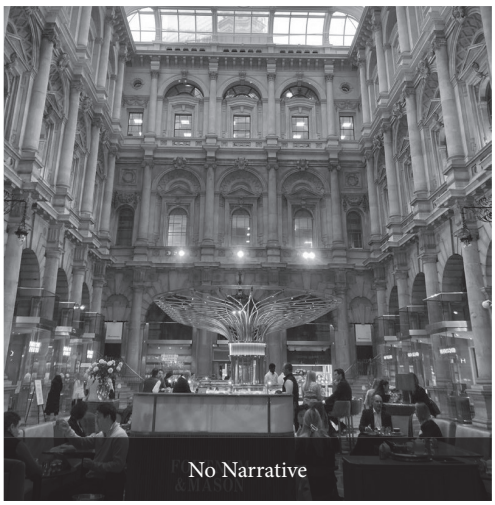

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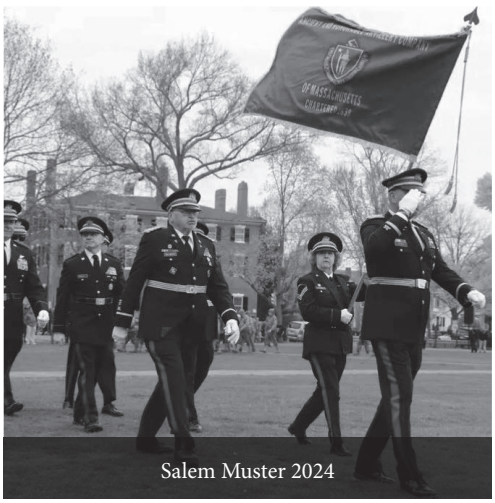

Salem Muster 2024

South Korea Presidential Visit
w/ COS Cot. George Morrison PC

Washington Artillery Christmas New Orleans

250th Birthday USMC

LT. Col. Allen West visit

Lt's Ball

3 Gentlemen

387TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

2024 *2025*

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387th
ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
2 JUNE 2025

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY of MASSACHUSETTS

MARRIOTT COURTYARD
DOWTOWN BOSTON HOTEL
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Welcome message from

MAJ Michael A. Fish, Esq.

316th Captain Commanding A.H.A.C.

2024 - 2025

DISTINGUISHED HEAD TABLE GUESTS, VIP TABLE GUESTS, COMMAND STAFF, DISTINGUISHED PAST COMMANDERS, MILITARY PERSONNEL, OFFICERS AND STAFF, REVEREND/CLERGY, VISITING DELEGATIONS, ANCIENT'S ALL,

WELCOME TO THE 387TH JUNE DAY BANQUET UNDER THE ROOF OF CLUB ROYALE. I WANT TO THANK OUR HOSTS WHO HAVE WORKED HARD TO MAKE THE ANCIENTS VERY WELCOME. I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR HOST HOTEL WHO MADE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE EVERY NEED AND HAVE EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS.

SIX LONG YEARS AGO I PROMISED IN MY CAMPAIGN TO FIX LONG IGNORED ISSUES, RETURN OUR GREAT COMPANY TO LONG PRACTICED TRADITIONS, TO BE A LEADER WHO LISTENS TO ITS MEMBERS AND TO ACT UPON THOSE ISSUES SO RAISED. MOST IMPORTANT!!, PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR MILITARY HERITAGE AND TRADITIONS. MY GOAL, TO RAISE AWARENESS THROUGH ACTIVE SERVICE, VISIBILITY, EXPOSURE AS A COMPANY TO OUR CITY, STATE AND COUNTRY. HOW? PARTICIPATION AS A COMPANY IN EVERY SIGNIFICANT EVENT, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. WE AS A NATION ARE CELEBRATING OUR 250TH ANNIVERSARY, EIGHT YEARS OF HISTORICAL EVENTS ALL REQUIRING GREAT DETAIL AND DEDICATED LEADERSHIP BY THIS COMPANY. WE WERE PRESENT AND PARTICIPATED IN EVERY BATTLE, SECURING THIS GREAT NATION. WE DID MORE THAN PARTICIPATE, WE TRAINED THOSE LEADERS WHO LED TROOPS INTO BATTLE. IN OUR AUDIENCE ARE THE GREAT AMERICAN MILITIAS, PATRIOTS, DESCENDANTS OF THOSE PATRIOTS WHO CONTINUE TO REMIND THE WORLD, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS THE GREATEST NATION ON EARTH. A SHOUT OUT TO THE CENTENNIAL LEGION AND MY DEAR COMRADES FROM THE FIRST AND SECOND CORP OF CADETS. I AM INVOLVED IN A VETERANS ADAPTIVE SAILING GROUP IN NAPLES FLORIDA. I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS ESPECIALLY DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. I HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO MEET VINCENT, A HIGHLY DECORATED SPECIAL FORCES VETERAN WHO GAVE ALL. TOGETHER WE HAVE SAILED AND FUNDRAISED TO ADVANCE THE CAUSES OF OUR WOUNDED WARRIORS. I AM PROUD TO CALL VINCENT AND HIS DAD JEFF BRODIER, NATIONAL COMMANDER, KOREAN WAR VETS MY GOOD FRIENDS AND FELLOW FLORIDIAN. I ASK YOU TO PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.

THIS YEAR'S FOCUS REGARDING OUR NATIONS FOUNDING ON THIS 250TH WERE MANY. TWO MAJOR EVENTS REQUIRED DETAILED PLANNING. I FIRST WANT TO THANK SEVERAL FOLKS WHO MADE THESE EVENTS SO SUCCESSFUL. I ASK THE FOLLOWING FOLKS TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED:

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS MASSACHUSETTS MW GEORGE FOREST HAMILTON, LT JOHN MITCHELL, SPECIAL EVENTS LIAISON, 250TH ANNIVERSARY, SGT. MIKE YAROSH, SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT COLLINS, LT JOE REGAN, EXEC SEC, LT CHUCK FAZIO, CURATOR, BG JOHN DRISCOLL ADJ., THE 101ST F/A SALUTE BATTERY FOR PROVIDING CANONS ON THE COMMON, THE ORDER OF LAFAYETTE, THE GOVERNORS OFFICE, THE CITY OF BOSTON, USS CONSTITUTION AND FINALLY THE LAFAYETTE COMMITTEE. I KNOW THERE WERE MANY HANDS INVOLVED AND BELIEVE ME, I THANK YOU ALL.

I PRESENT A PARTIAL LIST OF THIS YEAR'S EVENTS:

1. LAFAYETTE 200 ANNIVERSARY ON SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 2024
2. 250TH ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF CONCORD LEXINGTON SHOT HEARD AROUND THE WORLD
3. COMMISSIONING OF THE USS NANTUCKET – CPT DAN MAY PC, CPT. TIM HARADEN PC
4. VETERAN'S HOME INITIATVE, HOLYOKE AND CHELSEA, TOUCH AND PLAY VIDEO SCREENS – BG JOHN DRISCOLL, SGT. DONALD STRUNK, COL. MIKE LAZO, SUPERINTENDENT HOLYOKE
5. THERE WERE SO MANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.... TOO MANY TO MENTION
6. I CONTINUE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING:

7. BG JOSEPH MILANO PC, SENIOR PC MILITARY ATTACHE TO THE GOV. / CPT GEORGE MORRISON, CHIEF OF STAFF – ADVISING, GUIDING, CORRECTING AND WATCHING MY BACK DURING A VERY BUSY YEAR.
8. I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE, YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE, WAY TOO MANY TO PUBLICLY THANK. WE PERFORMED MANY PARADES, CEREMONIES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EVENTS REQUIRING HANDS ON, DEDICATED COMMITTMENTS. WE AS A COMPANY HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING BUT PRAISE.
9. I WANT TO THANK MY COMMAND STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK, DILIGENCE AND UNENDING SUPPORT, FIRST LT JOHN DAMIANO, SECOND LT ROBERT COLLINS
10. I WANT TO THANK THE LAFAYETTE SERGEANTS FOR STANDING UP, REPRESENTING THE CAPTAIN COMMANDING'S GOALS AND GIVING THEIR ALL FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMPANY.
11. OUR TRAVELS THIS YEAR TOOK US TO ISRAEL ON PREPARATION TRIP AND NEW ORLEANS FOR OUR FFDTD, UNFORTUNATELY AND TRAGICALLY WAR PREVENTED ISRAEL. OUR FFDTD TO NEW ORLEANS WAS A GREAT SUCCESS COMMEMORATING, BOTH OUR 250TH ANNIV AND CIVIL WAR INVOLVEMENT. WE ALSO CELEBRATED OUR MASS NATIONAL GUARD AND LOUISIANA BONDS DURING AND FOLLOWING HURRICANE KATRINA. I AM PROUD TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW FOUND FRIENDS, THE WASHINGTON ARTILLERY COMPANY FROM NEW ORLEANS. IN PARTICULAR, JAY WHO MADE OUR FFDTD A GREAT SUCCESS. THE COMPANY WAS REPRESENTED IN WASHINGTON DC, FLORIDA, NEW YORK CITY, LONDON ENGLAND, THE CARRIBEAN (MY CAPTAINS CRUISE) FOR SEVERAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS. I WANT TO THANK LT SHERVIN HAWLEY, MY TRAVEL OFFICER FOR COORDINATING THESE TRIPS.
12. MY YEAR WAS DEDICATED TO 9/11 WTC MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM. AS A CAREER POLICE OFFICER NOW RETIRED AND HOMELAND SECURITY EXPERT, NOW RETIRED, FIRST RESPONDERS ARE IN A VERY BAD PLACE. I HAVE DEDICATED MY LIFE TO SERVICE FOR OUR CITY, STATE AND NATION. AS YOU CONSTANTLY HEAR, POLICE RUN TOWARDS DANGER AND SACRIFICE NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCE. TODAYS GUEST SPEAKER WHO I WILL INTODUCE SOON, COLONEL GEOFF NOBLES, COMMANDER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE UNDERSTANDS THIS SITUATION. 9/11 FIRST RESPONDERS GAVE THEIR ALL DURING OPERATIONS AND CONTINUE TO FALL IN RECORD NUMBERS. I AM NO DIFFERENT AND EXPECT TO BECOME A STATISTIC IN FUTURE STUDIES OF THIS TRAGEDY. ELIZABETH HILLMAN, CEO OF THE WTC 9/11 MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO A LAST MINUTE CONFLICT, COULD NOT ATTEND, SHE SENDS HER SINCERE APOLOGY. THE WTC 9/11 MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL WHICH SITS IN THE HEART OF LOWER MANHATTAN. MANY SOULS ARE PRESENT ON THIS SITE REMINDING VISITORS AND FAMILY OF LOST RESPONDERS, SHARED STORIES, TEACHING OUR YOUNG THE VALUE AND COST OF PATRIOTISM. WE AS THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF MASS REALIZE THIS COST AND UNDERSTAND PRESERVATION OF HISTORY. THE COMPANY WAS PROUD TO PRESENT TO THE MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL A SIGNIFICANT DONATION. THE WTC HEALTH NETWORK HAS DEDICATED STAFF WHO PERSONALLY MONITOR AND TREAT DAILY THOSE OF US WHO WERE EXPOSED TO TOXINS. THIS IS A THANKLESS JOB AND I KNOW HOW MUCH I DEPEND ON MY CASE REPRESENTATIVE, I ASK MINDY MORGAN AND HER HUSBAND OSCAR TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. LAST BUT MOST IMPORTANT ARE FAMILY, NO LEADER SUCCEEDS WITHOUT STRONG GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FROM LOVED ONES. I ASK MY WIFE HALLENE, AND DAUGHTER MARISSA MATTERN TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.
13. IN CONCLUSION, I BELIEVE THIS BEST DESCRIBES MY COMMAND YEAR, I QUOTE ADMIRAL WILLIAM MCRAVEN, A FOUR - STAR ADMIRAL, FORMER COMMANDER OF ALL US SPECIAL FORCES AND A NAVY SEAL:
KNOW THAT LIFE IS NOT FAIR AND THAT YOU WILL FAIL OFTEN. BUT IF YOU TAKE SOME RISKS, STEP UP WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGHEST, FACE DOWN THE BULLIES, LIFT UP THE DOWNTRODDEN, AND NEVER EVER GIVE UP, IF YOU DO THESE THINGS, THEN YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE, FOR THE BETTER...AND MAYBE THE WORLD.

THANK YOU!

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PROCEEDINGS

MR. DRISCOLL: Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Brigadier General John Driscoll of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. At this time, we will introduce the head table.

First up, Air Force, Lieutenant Colonel Reverend Michael Medas.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have two special guests here tonight. I apologize. I overlooked it but -- at this time, will you please give a warm welcome to father and son Army hero, Vincent and Jeff Broduer.

I will also now introduce Colonel Martin Hawley; the most worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, Justin Petty; the most worshipful Grand Master of the Massachusetts Mason, George Hamilton; the Honorable Artillery Company senior member, Major Ian Sivyer; Reverend Doctor Matthew Cadwell.

Past commander, Brigadier General, Joseph Milano, senior past commander, Army; Commissioner of Veterans Affairs in Boston, Massachusetts, Robert Santiago; the most reverent Archbishop Richard Henning; past

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Commander and Chief of Staff for Michael A. Fish, Captain George Morrison, Air Force; the Deputy of the United Kingdom Consul General, Nicola Moss; United States Navy Captain Dinis Pimental; Retired Rear Admiral John Maugher; Second Lieutenant Robert Morales; Staff Commander and Army Veteran Captain Robert Imlach.

Assistant acting general for the State of New York and our own Brigadier General Ken Wisniewski; former Commander, and representing the oldest artillery battalion in the United States Army, Lieutenant Colonel Eladio Medrano; outgoing First Lieutenant, John Damiano; and incoming newly-elected Second Lieutenant, Ron Barnes.

Captain of the USS Constitution Old Ironsides, Commander Crystal Schaefer; from the Massachusetts State Police, Colonel Geoffrey Noble; First Lieutenant Michael Wabrek, U.S. Marines; Commanding Admiral of the U.S. Coast Guard (inaudible) Rear Admiral Michael Platt; outgoing Captain Commander Michael Andrew Fish, Esquire; and from the Ancient and Honorable

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Artillery Company, Captain Stephen Colella.

At this time, please bow your heads, and we'll begin our blessing.

(Prayer.)

GROUP 1 TOASTS

LTC MICHAEL WABREK: Ladies and gentleman, please rise and charge your glasses as we toast the President of the United States.

The President of the United States stands as the elected leader of our great democratic republic, entrusted with the solemn duty to protect and defend the Constitution, and to uphold the values that define us as a nation. He is the leader of the free world, to safeguard our collective interests against the rise of authoritarianism and the forces that threaten liberty around the globe.

The weight is immense, and the task is daunting. His success is our success. May his leadership be steady, may his purpose be clear, and his service worthy of the office he holds. To the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump.

MSGT JOHN ZAFRIS: Ladies and

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gentlemen, please rise and charge your glasses.

His Majesty King Charles, III ascended to the thrown following a lifetime of preparation and dedication to his people. With grace, intellect, and a deep sense of responsibility, he now carries forward the legacy of the monarchy, an institution rooted in tradition, yet ever revolving with the times. His Majesty has long demonstrated a passion for causes greater than self. Now, as king, he stands as a symbol of unity, continuity, and national identity.

To his Majesty King Charles, III, long may he reign with wisdom, compassion, and strength.

(Dinner Pause)

GROUP 2 TOASTS

LT. BRIAN KANE: Ladies and gentlemen, please rise and charge your glasses.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, though modest in size, Massachusetts stands tall in history, stature and influence that 250 years ago began the story of our great nation with a shot heard around the world.

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The Bay State has served as a crucible of bold ideas and fearless innovation, with revolutions of political thought and independence in arts, science and spirit.

We live in a state where technology and engineering find fertile ground, where political progressivism takes shape, and where voices of literature and liberty rise solemn and clear.

If the muses ever left Olympus in search of a home, they would surely settle in Massachusetts, where creativity, inquiry and imagination flourish. Bold in vision, rich in heritage, may she be forever a beacon of enlightenment. To the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Responding to the toast, the highest ranking official from the Commonwealth, State Representative and our fellow member State Representative Angelo Popolo.

STATE REP ANGELO POPOLO: Thank you. Good evening, everyone. Good evening, everybody. It's an honor to be here tonight. Following up on that toast, certainly

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Massachusetts has got a proud tradition of history. It's great to be a member of the House of Representatives. I've been here for 19 years. We've done a lot of great things, and we're going to continue to do a lot of great things more so. Again, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (inaudible) and I'm proud to be a member of this company, as well.

COL. PAUL MURPHY: Since 1638, we have called Boston our home, representing John Winthrop's Shining City on a Hill for 388 years. We are a relatively small city with a wicked big ego.

We are the Athens of America, the hub of the universe. We think big, we innovate, we shine as a beacon of light for the entire world with our history, traditions, quality of life and the opportunities for people to better their lives. To Boston, the cradle of liberty!

MR. WABREK: And to respond from the City of Boston is the Secretary Commissioner of Veteran Services, Navy Veteran Robert Santiago.

MR. SANTIAGO: Thank you. He stole

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my line here. I don't know what else to say now, but as the Commissioner of Veteran Services, and also a member of this esteemed company, it is my honor to toast the Cradle of Liberty, City of Boston.

MR. WABREK: And our last toast of this group will be given by First Army Rank.

CPT MACGREGOR MORGAN: In September of 2024, the company traveled to where the Mississippi flows strong to a land of deep history, rich culture, and unmatched spirt, the great State of Louisiana.

We traveled on the bayous, through the bustling streets of New Orleans, hearing the rhythm of jazz and enjoying Cajun and Creole cuisine. Louisiana is a crossroads of cultures, a cradle of music, and a proud guardian of tradition, where every meal is a memory, every melody a story, and every citizen a part of something truly special.

May her Cajun spirit stay wild, her culture rich, and her people forever proud. To the City of New Orleans with gratitude.

MR. WABREK: There will be no

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response, so whoever is standing up, please sit on down. There's going to be lots of Cajuns in the house.

(Dinner Pause)

GROUP 3 TOASTS

MR. WABREK: The next toast is to the Armed Forces of the United States given Sergeant Major Miles (inaudible.)

SGM RETIRED MICHAEL DRUMMEY: In the United States we enjoy prosperity and freedoms, in large part because of our dedicated, well trained, and very professional Armed Forces. We have forged a blend of tough, professional warriors and citizen soldiers comprising Active Component, the Reserves, and the National Guard, men and women ready to do whatever is necessary to defend the interests of our country. To the Armed Forces of the United States.

MR. WABREK: The response will be from Brigadier General, Ken Wisniewski, the highest ranking military response.

BRIGADIER GENERAL KENNETH WISNIEWSKI: Ladies and gentlemen, from the world's most

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respected and most fair military, here, here. Military, Military.

MR. WABREK: The next toast will be given by Past Commander Timothy Haraden to the Honorable Artillery Companies of London.

CPT. TIMOTHY HARADEN: For nearly 500 years, the Honorable Artillery Company of London has led by example of what it is for a citizen to serve their sovereign for the realm and for their home city.

Veterans of this noble band journeyed with Winthrop to the shores of Massachusetts Bay and inspired a new military company to serve in their tradition. We honor our ancestors who charted us and welcome them here tonight. To the Honorable Artillery Company! Giving the response is my great friend, Major Ian Sivyer.

MAJOR SIVYER: Yes, hello. Thank you so much for that fantastic toast there. Thank you so much. Boston really loves you. Thank you for a wonderful time here. (Inaudible) magnificent. The room is absolutely full as a testament to your work and a great time. Thank

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you very much.

I also see some old faces coming into -- that support the new captain, as well, so I want to (inaudible) your officers, your sergeants. I'm looking forward to working with you over the next four months or so.

I also want to say thank you to John Mitchell and Nick Sharizzi for the Plymouth Cannon dedication, which went off absolutely magnificently. I think the weather actually was crazy. It was absolutely pelting down with rain (inaudible) and yet somehow between them they (inaudible) upstairs (inaudible.) Thank you so much for a wonderful time.

(Very difficult to understand him, echoey and heavy accent.)

(Dinner Pause)

GROUP 4 TOASTS

MR. WABREK: Ladies and gentlemen, please be seated, and at this time, we will have a tradition (inaudible). Thank you.

(Pause.)

MR. FISH: I will not say a lot about this man because he and I have an inside little

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joke about all of this. But when he was first announced by the Governor to come here to the Commonwealth to take over as Colonel of the Massachusetts States Police, being a cop for almost 40 years, I said I've got to learn about this guy. I want to meet him.

I happened to be at a fusion center gathering at Gillette Stadium. The Kraft family hosts it annually. It has to do a lot with antisemitism and discrimination, in general.

I'm sitting at my table assigned, and who's sitting next to me, this man. And I didn't know I was sitting next to him, and I asked somebody who's that guy, he looks important, and they said that's the new Colonel of the State Police. I'm like okay, I'm all set.

So we met, and I said you need to learn about the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company if you're going to be here in Massachusetts. That's how you meet people. And he said I agree.

So he came to our President's Day

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luncheon, just as a guest. He'll tell you. I'm not going to speak for him. He can tell you what he thinks about the Ancients, and I'm going to go like this because I don't know.

But I want to welcome Colonel Geoffrey Nobles -- oh, my God, my brain -- Colonel Geoffrey Nobles, who came from us as a Deputy Commander of the New Jersey State Police. He needed a change. This was a good change, as we heard from the Massachusetts toast. So I am honored to welcome as our guest speaker Colonel Geoffrey Nobles of the Massachusetts State Police.

COLONEL NOBLES: The good major just told me I have ten minutes. I'll honor that. First and foremost, I want to set a record straight.

I keep being referred to as this Jersey guy, and if you listen to certain news publications, they constantly refer to me as the Jersey guy and the first outside colonel. And yes, that is true. I am the first outside colonel to the incredible Mass. State Police.

But I want to make a record clear.

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I'm from here. My dad is from Dorchester. My dad grew up on Savin Hill. My grandparents lived at 11 Rockmere Street in Savin Hill their entire life until they passed.

And I'd like to call out a former competitor of my dad because my mom and dad owned the Skipper Restaurant in Yarmouth down the Cape for many years, and where is Jerry Manning from Captain Parker's? Please stand and be recognized, sir. Yes, sir.

So I might be "the Jersey guy" if you read what they say in the papers, and I wear that badge proudly. Yes, I served as a Jersey trooper for 28 years, and I'm proud of that. It's because I was raised here, and I went to college in New Jersey, and in my senior year, I took the test and proudly put my hand up and said I will serve as a Jersey trooper.

And I'm damn proud to come back to the Commonwealth as your Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police, and I promise you, I promise you, I will do everything in my power to serve as your Colonel of the Mass. State Police, to serve with integrity, to serve with

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pride, and to honor the women and men of the Massachusetts State Police because they deserve a leader.

I'm here for them. I'm here for you. I'm here for the Commonwealth. Thank you for that intro. I had to get that off my chest. Thank you.

It is truly an honor to be with all of you tonight. First and foremost, I want to recognizes Major Fish for a great command. Where is the good major? There he is. Great job, sir. I want to recognize you.

I want to take a moment and recognize incoming Captain Colella of the Massachusetts State Police. As long as I'm here, I stand very proud with the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. We will stand as your partner. We will be there through blue sky days and not so good day. If you need us, just call. We will be there for you.

I have spent my entire career in law enforcement, and I know in this room I am not alone. When I tell you that I believe that a career in the military and in law enforcement

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and in service to others is a true calling.

It is about being a part of something bigger than yourself and committing yourself to a mindset, a mindset built on the belief that the spirit of service is worth living and fighting, and yes, even dying for. Hurrah!

As we continue to face uncertain times, the ever present aggressions from enemies and changing worldwide political ways, tonight, I'd like to focus on two constants. I want to speak to you about leadership and service. These two tenets are not just ideas to aspire to. They are the foundations on which our nation was built, and I believe that it is the foundation which will ensure our successful navigation through our current and future threats.

Leadership in the military and law enforcement isn't just about rank or the stripes you wear on your shoulders or the bars you wear on your shoulders. It's about the integrity that you bring to every mission every day, the responsibility that comes with that.

I strongly believe that each of us,

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no matter our position or rank that we have, whether civilian, whether business leader, clergy, military, of course, we all have the ability, in fact the duty, to be a leader.

Whether within your community, being a leader is all about being a steady hand at the wheel, whether you're in a moment of peace and static, structure where we're all getting along or it's a moment of crisis.

Also, leadership is in that moment when you're dealing with a colleague one-on-one who's having a personal crisis, but being that person who can show courage and conviction and, when necessary, humility.

That will be the person who's looked up to and who can gain trust. And I understand and respect I'm talking to a room full of leaders, but I'm very honored and very humbled to be addressing you all tonight, and I know that most of the things I'm speaking to tonight are the ways in which you live your lives day in and day out.

Building trust is so important when you choose a life of service. The meaning of

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service is different to each of us, but I believe it means standing up and raising your hand and pledging to be steadfast in our resolve to protect and serve our nation, our community, and most importantly, our fellow women and men.

I know I'm with the Archbishop tonight, but I'm going to just make a comment about Isaiah Chapter 6. And in Isaiah Chapter 6, it talks about when God said who shall I send, Isaiah put his hand up and said here I am, send me. Oftentimes when I've come up and gone through masses and listened to the different chapters, that has resonated with me because that is what all of you have done.

Whether you're in military service, whether you're in community leadership, you have -- and the fact that you're here tonight, you have raised your hand, and you have said here I am, send me, and that is about as honorable and noble as it gets.

And I'm very humbled to stand with you and to that calling. And to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to Governor

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Healy, when it comes to leading the Massachusetts State Police, I proudly stand before you and put my hand up and say here I am, Governor, here I am, troopers, send me.

I just cannot get up in front of a room full of service members and community leaders, clergy, business leaders and not say a moment to recognize and honor the fact that a career in service, a lifetime of service is a commitment, not just on the shoulders of the service women and men of law enforcement, the first responders, the public service -- for the public servants, but the burden of that service is shared by the people who support that person.

It could be family, friends, wives, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers. I don't have to look any further than this table right here in front of me to honor and respect the fact that service is real, sacrifice is real, and it's not just about the service members. It's about the families and those that support us.

So to all of the folks that represent

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that support system tonight, whether you've served in the military or law enforcement or you're part of the support network, I personally, and very humbly, want to look you in the eye tonight and say thank you. Thank you.

My path to service began as a summer cop on Nantucket. Yes, I know you're all wondering how did I survive the mean streets of Sconset and Madaket and I'm standing here today, but I did. After serving very valiantly and courageously in the mean streets of Nantucket, I then became a trooper, first in New Jersey and now here in Massachusetts.

It's been my calling for 35-plus years, but as anyone in this field knows, being a law enforcement officer in the past five has been particularly challenging. When many of us in this room were growing up, a typical entrance exam for the Massachusetts State Police drew thousands of applicants, ten to 20,000 folks, who just simply wanted the opportunity to serve.

That moment has changed. That tide

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has gone out, and now, when we give an entrance exam with the Massachusetts State Police, we get a few thousand. However, some of this has been caused by legitimate failures of the police institution, but also, others have been through perceived failures that are inflated by self-interest groups or individuals.

Regardless of the cause, we must welcome the scrutiny because these are the moments that transform culture and drive us to do better. The scrutiny is what fuels us for our never ending resolve to always do better and always perform at a higher level.

That's what we owe the citizens. That's what we owe those who we serve. That type of drive and commitment is why the American military is the best in the world, and our American law enforcement is the best in the world. How we as leaders and public servants meet the moment and react to that moment is imperative. This is not a moment to dig our heels in and complain about the scrutiny. I argue moments like now are moments for reflection, for drive, and a re-commitment to

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our shared values and goals.

And a critical component to leadership is taking the time to pause, look at ourselves in the mirror and self-reflect and doing -- and realizing what we are doing right and what we are doing wrong. That is how we build trust and foster a sense of community and bring transparency to our day-to-day operation.

It all starts around holding ourselves accountable and having the courage to hold others accountable. That's the hardest part of this job sometimes. We all want to stand on blue sky days and tell each other when things are going well, but what about when they're not.

What about when your colleague is failing the standard that you have worked so hard to achieve, having the resolve and the courage, both as a colleague and as a leader, to call out your fellow trooper, service member and say, hey, you're not holding up your end of the bargain. Let me help you. Here's my hand. I'll help you up. That's what leadership is. I was proudly sworn in -- thank you. It's so

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true.

Too often, we want to look around and just tell each other how great we are and not address the real issues, and we all know what that -- what can happen there. When we don't face our own imperfections and our own vulnerabilities, then sometimes those vulnerabilities go unchecked, and we know all too sadly what can happen when that happens. It's courageous. It's real leadership to have uncomfortable conversations.

I was proudly sworn in as superintendent of the Mass. State Police this past October, the first colonel from outside of the Massachusetts State Police in the organization's 125-year history, and at the time, the MSP was facing significant scrutiny, which we still face today.

While I didn't know the organization when I started the way I do right now, eight months later, I do know one thing. The state police needed a leader who is willing to do what I just talked about and have an honest appraisal of where we are, one who is not

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afraid to truly examine the organization, help build a command staff committed to truly transforming the agency and making it one focused on progress.

For me, it goes back to leadership, looking for the people who put what was best for the organization first, people who were not afraid of change and who wanted that progress, troopers who were known for doing the right thing, especially when no one is looking.

I want to report to you tonight I have found those people. The command staff that we have put in place represent the highest ideals of everything I've spoken to tonight. The command staff of the Massachusetts State Police is ready, willing, and able to tackle these challenges.

While we still have a long way to go, I knew it was important to help chart a course for the Mass. State Police, and after my initial examination of the MSP and putting my command staff into place, I knew we needed a mission statement, a set of core principles, which I believe can guide us to a better place

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and set us up for success.

We call it the Excellence Initiative. It's based on four main principles: one, enhancing our public trust. We are nothing if we don't have the trust of the Commonwealth. Two, addressing our internal health and making sure that our troopers feel supported, that they have the support they need to make sure that they're healthy, well trained and well prepared to be the best troopers out there.

Third, understanding we are a community service and adopting a serving leadership mindset. And four, and mostly, we are the state police, and we go after bad criminals, unapologetically, and we put them in prison where they belong. That's -- those are the four core principles that we have set -- that we have set forth on.

Today, as our nation faces division and discord, the role of law enforcement and, indeed, our leadership becomes more critical than ever. I urge all of you as I speak to this group of leaders in our community to do your part, and consider it part of your service

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and your responsibility to be the steady hand, to stay the course, and to ensure that our communities feel safe and supported, we must work together. We must embody the shared values that we seek to uphold, integrity, honor, respect and unity. I encourage you to set the tone amongst your people that you lead, encouraging a culture of mutual respect, despite differences.

Reward those who take the time to mentor the less experienced, put a similar value on being ethically strong as much as you have on being tactically strong. The stakes are high. Know your mission, trust your team, and execute your vision. You'll be judged as a leader in these moments, but if you prepare for the moment, you will meet it. Your people, your peers, and your community will be better for it.

I thank you. I thank you for the honor of allowing me to speak with you all tonight. I wish the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company another amazing year under its new, very capable leadership, and God bless

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the Commmonwealth, and God bless the United States of America. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In the finest of traditions of this company, and in the celebration of our 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, I couldn't find a more fitting time and a more fitting gift for a true patriot, the Paul Revere Bowl. The gorge won by the captain commanding is alluded to be a handmade piece by Paul Revere worn by the captain commanding of the company. Paul Revere, being a true patriot, we present the Colonel with the Revere Bowl from the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts.

(Inaudible) Second Lieutenant, Robert Collins.

MR. COLLINS: Since our charter by the Great and General Court in the year 1638, our Company has stood for service to city, Commonwealth and country. Our original mission was focused on practical military training.

Although many of our members are serving military, retired military and former

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military, our mission has refocused on ceremonial support for the city and the Commonwealth, preserving historic tradition and serving as goodwill ambassadors for the people of the United States on our various trips abroad.

The key is that we are still devoted to service. Ladies and gentlemen, to our Grand Old Company, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts.

MR. FISH: I hope you enjoyed that production. Thank you, Lieutenant Barton Hite for your amazing work, all the visual IT, and that was incredible. Thank you. My speech will be an answer to this toast to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

At ease in the rear, please. I know you want to hear me speak, and it will be long. It's not going to be the short ones that I always tell you.

Distinguished head table guests, VIP table guests, command staff, distinguished past commanders, military personnel present in the hall, officers and staff, reverend and clergy,

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visiting delegations, Ancients all.

Welcome to the 387th June Day Banquet under the roof of Club Royale. I want to thank our hosts of Club Royale who have worked hard to make the Ancients very welcome. I also want to thank our host hotel next door, the Marriott Courtyard, who has made every effort to accommodate all our needs and I think have exceeded all expectations. The food is magnificent.

Six long years ago, I promised in my campaign to fix long-ignored issues, return our great company to long practiced traditions, to be a leader who listens to its members and act upon those issues so raised. Most importantly, preserve and protect our military heritage and traditions.

My goal is to raise awareness through active service, visibility, exposure as a company to our city, state, and country. How? Participation as a company in every significant event, mission accomplished.

We as a nation are celebrating our 250th anniversary of the American Revolution,

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eight years of historical events, all requiring great detail and dedicated leadership by this company. We were present and participated in every battle, securing this great nation, the fortification of Bunker Hill, some ancient spell.

We did more than participate. We trained those leaders who led troops into battle. In our audience are the great American militias, patriots, descendants of those patriots, who continue to remind the world America is the greatest nation on earth.

A shout out to the centennial legion and my dear comrades from the first corp of cadets, which I am a life member, the second corp of cadets and our grand 101st field artillery that provide our guns throughout the year, and in particular the June Day Common. I am involved in a veterans adaptive sailing group in Naples, Florida. I am proud to support our veterans, especially disabled American veterans.

I have been blessed to meet Vincent. I'm proud to call Vincent and his dad, Jeff

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Broduer, former national commander of the Korean War, that's my good friends and fellow Floridians, and I would ask Vincent and his dad to please stand and be recognized again, the second time, by this audience.

MR. BRODUER: Love you, brother. Do you want me to come down? Standby. I'll come down. Standby. I'm coming down for a purpose. One second, please.

Thank you, Michael. I consider Mike one of my best friends, and the only reason we're up here is because of Mike and (inaudible.) But, you know, that's how we met, in Florida. My son has had 49 operations in 49 hospitals, and a lot of people think we were vacationing down there, but the Department of Defense actually sent us to Tampa (inaudible) Center. A lot of the worst wounded soldiers are sent there.

I actually was the national president of Korean War vets and very proud to lead them. I knew all the greatest Americans I have ever came upon, including our own Thomas (inaudible.)

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(Inaudible.) Unfortunately, a lot of our Korean war vets are passing very quickly, and we've taken (inaudible.) One of my duties on the veterans day national committee, and I brought this out for Mike. We just left Washington. And our official photographers of the city took a beautiful picture. I want to present that to Mike and my son. Thank you, Mike. (Inaudible)

MR. FISH: That's amazing. Where am I? This year's focus regarding our nation's founding on this 250th were many. Two major events required detailed planning. I first want to thank several folks who made these events so successful.

I ask the following folks to stand to be recognized. Please hold your applause until all have stood.

Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts, most worshipful George Forest Hamilton, please stand. Wait, hold applause. I've got a few people here.

The deputy grand master of masons in Massachusetts, right worshipful John Angus

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MacLeod; Lieutenant John Mitchell, my special events liaison for the 250th. Is Mike Yarosh in the house? Sergeant Mike Yarosh? No, okay. That's fine. Mike was here, but I'll congratulate him anyway. And actually Mike received a commendation medal from me at the last meeting for his work.

Second Lieutenant Robert Collins. Both Second Lieutenant Robert Collins and Mike Yarosh worked tirelessly on the Lafayette 200 event that we had in the city. We did three days of recreation of Lafayette's visit here in Boston. It was precise, it was crowded, and Ancients will never be forgotten for the service for the Lafayette 200th visit to this city. So that's -- hold applause. So that's Mike Yarosh and Second Lieutenant Robert Collins.

A thankless job, but it has to be done, Lieutenant Joe Regan; our curator, Lieutenant Chuck Fazio; Brigadier General John Driscoll. Members of the 101st first field artillery, if you're out there, please stand.

No, they're still busy putting the

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guns away from earlier today. Anybody from the Order of Lafayette present in the house, please stand. Anybody from the Governor's office or any state representative here? State representative, please. City of Boston representative, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, Robert Santiago.

Commander of the Constitution, Commander Crystal Schaeffer, please stand. Thank you. And I think -- any other Lafayette Committee, not the order of Lafayette, but the Lafayette Committee, anybody here, stand up, please, if you're here.

There were so many others, a lot of hands-on involvement, believe me, but I thank you all for your commitment to my project, the Ancients project, on making the Lafayette 200 a successful mission to be remembered forever in the history of this Commonwealth and the country. Now you can applaud. Thank you.

I present now a list of this year's events. Now, I just will remind you in the program at the beginning of the year that I put out, we had about 40 events. We added about 80

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events to it in the course of the year. It's been a very busy year. I've worn out a lot of people in this company.

My personal (?) lost two years of his life. The second wore everybody out. So Lafayette 200 anniversary on Saturday 24, August '24; 250th anniversary Battle of Concord Lexington, the shot heard around the world.

Commissioning of the USS Nantucket. I want to thank Captain Dan May, past commander, and Timothy Haraden, past commander, for cheering that committee. If you're out there, give a wave. The commissioning of the USS Massachusetts, which was scheduled for April of this year, push, push, push. Nantucket was delayed. The Massachusetts was delayed. It's a nuclear fast attack sub Virginia class. It's scheduled now for this coming spring of '26, but in particular, I want to thank Captain -- Naval Captain, Dinis Pimental, who was the chairman of the commissioning authority. If you would just, please, stand for a moment.

Don't applause yet because I've got

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more. Please stand. Thank you. I want to -- we had a naval officer's group within the Ancients that we appointed at the beginning of the year to work on this commissioning, so chaired by Lieutenant Commander David Graham, Captain Harry Weinberg, Captain Peter Seibert, Lieutenant Commander Rolf Augenstern and a Coast Guardsman Steve Schnitzer. I would just ask that you stand and be recognized, and then we could all applaud you. Thank you. Thank you, gentlemen.

A project happened this year that started off by a member, and I'll tell you his name in a minute. It was a mission to help our veterans' homes in Massachusetts, Holyoke and Chelsea, and it was to collect items like we do for Toys for Tots. We take care of the veteran's home. We collect up items, socks. These were more of the shower (?) and things like that for the veterans' homes.

I was approached by Sergeant Donald Strunk who brought on Brigadier General John Driscoll on board. It was a project about this big, but it was a significant project. But

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like things that go on in this company, the initiative, it grew into something that I just can never, ever thank enough.

It's just one of those things that it's just going to be in my memory forever. I don't know if Colonel Mike Lazo is in the house to go along with this. Is Colonel Lazo -- did anybody see him -- no. He's the superintendent of the Holyoke home.

But what happened was donations came in, especially by one very generous Ancient, and it grew into the purchase of two touch and play video screens for those who are impaired mobiley where this equipment would come to them, and they could actually touch and work with the screen.

It's amazing technology. But when that screen turns on, from now on, the Ancient and Honorable symbol donated by the Ancient and Honorable is on it, and there is a touch that gives a history of the company to all those veterans sitting in those homes from now until whenever we have to upgrade this technology. But I cannot thank Brigadier General John

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Driscoll and Sergeant Donald Strunk enough. Please, if you would stand and be recognized.

I won't go into detail on this, but Mass. General Law Chapter 33, the organized militias of the Commonwealth, a project that needed to be addressed in this company, and it has been addressed, and it is currently in the state legislature being worked on.

But our tag, the adjunct general of Massachusetts, Gary Keefe, along with an internal committee of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company have worked hard to make this happen, and hopefully in the near future we will have this legislation done and passed and signed by the Governor. Thank you for working on the Mass. General Law Chapter 33 initiative.

Communications and server upgrades, something that we've needed to do in this company. Dues, paying, and other administrative functions have kind of fallen off. Technology just advances way too quickly, and a lot of times we use old technology.

We need to upgrade. It was one of those things that needed to be dealt with.

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Again, I step out of the box. I do things. I'll get into it more in my speech about this, but I wanted this to be fixed. We put together a team.

I want to thank Captain Dennis O'Brien, past commander, Lieutenant Chris Sidoti, Lieutenant Brian Kane, Colonel Ron Barnes, Sergeant Tim West, and our execs at Joe Regan. If you want to stand to be recognized, thank you for making this initiative happen. Thank you.

There were so many other significant events, way too many to mention. I told you we're 80-plus. But thank you. I just wanted you to know how hard we worked this year for the company.

Brigadier General Joseph Milano, past commander, senior past commander of our past commander's group and military attache to the governor, and also Captain George Morrison, chief of staff, please stand, please stand. Thank you.

These gentlemen, I cherish them as friends and as fellow agents. They have done

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nothing but make my year a success. Thank you for your advising, for your guiding, for your correcting many of my mistakes and watching my back and taking the heat for a lot of things that I've done.

But everything turned out for the best, because it's been a very busy year, but bless you, gentlemen, and thank you so much for all your service to me. I can never thank you enough. Thank you.

I want to thank all those, and you know who you are out there, way too many to publicly thank. We performed many parades, ceremonies, public and private events, requiring hands-on dedicated commitments. We as a company have received nothing but praise.

I want to thank my command staff for their hard work, diligence and unending support. First Lieutenant John Damiano, Second Lieutenant Robert Collins, please.

I want to ask Lieutenant Steve Coan, Lieutenant Wilson Wong, and Lieutenant Steve Decatur -- Steven Decatur he became ill. He called me. He couldn't even speak. So he's

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home in bed. He really regrets not being here. He wanted me to send his best to you.

But I want to thank my three aides. I put them to work this year. They were great aides, especially Steve, my chief aide. We had him working. Thank you. Gentlemen, please stand and be recognized. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

My Lafayette sergeants that are present in the hall, please stand and be recognized. They have represented me and the company all year. They've met my goals, and they've given all for the good of the company, and I thank you, gentlemen, thank you.

Our travels this year took us to Israel on a preparation trip and New Orleans for our fall field day tour of duty. Unfortunately, and tragically, war prevented Israel. Our fall field tour of duty was the next best place with my connections with family, New Orleans, and it was a great success. While we were there, we commemorated both our 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and the Civil War.

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We also celebrated our friendship between the Massachusetts National Guard and the Louisiana National Guard. We created bonds during and following Hurricane Katrina. I am proud to have met our newfound friends from New Orleans, the Washington Artillery Company of New Orleans, in particular, Major Jay Castignetta, who was a liaison in the Louisiana National Guard, and he made the fall field day tour of duty a great success.

Unfortunately, in Louisiana, they are fully deployed. General Friloux, the Major General of the tag (?), wanted to be here. He called me up. His wife called me up. They wanted to be here, but they are just straight out with deployments and couldn't, but they congratulated me on a successful year. They love the Ancients. They really were impressed when we were down there. So I wanted to extend that message to you from New Orleans.

The company was represented this year in Washington D.C., in Florida, in New York City, in London, England, in Rhode Island, in Italy, in Israel, in the Caribbean on my

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captain's cruise, and I want to thank Colonel Bill Tringali -- Bill Trigonek for helping me to make that captain's cruise a success. Bill, stand up, please, Bill, and be recognized, a long-time member of the company. Thank you, sir.

Shervin Hawley is not with us today. He's on travel. He was my travel officer this year, and I just wanted to extend a thank you for what he's done for my trips this year. My year was dedicated to 9/11, the World Trade Center Memorial and Museum.

As a career police officer, now retired, and Homeland Security expert, now retired, now retired from the Ancients -- that's not true -- first responders are in a very bad place right now. I have dedicated my life to service for our city, state and nation. As you constantly hear, police run towards danger and sacrifice, no matter the circumstance.

Today's guest speaker, Colonel Geoff Nobles, Commander of the Massachusetts State Police, understands this situation. 9/11 first

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responders gave all during operations and continue to fall in record numbers. I'm no different. I expect to become a statistic in the future studies of this tragedy.

Elizabeth Hillman, CEO of the World Trade Center 9/11 Memorial and Museum, unfortunately, due to a last minute conflict, could not attend this banquet. She really wanted to be here. She sends her sincere apologies. And on a sad note, Bernie Kerik, who was Commissioner of NYPD during 9/11, just passed the other day from World Trade Center related -- may he rest in peace.

The World Trade Center 9/11 Museum and Memorial -- let me just catch myself here. I'm sorry. The World Trade Center 9/11 Museum and Memorial, which sits in the heart of Lower Manhattan, many souls are present on this site, reminding visitors and family of lost responders shared stories, teaching our young the value and cost of patriotism.

We, as the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, realize this cost and understand preservation of

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history. The company was proud to present to the museum and memorial a significant donation, which was tripled by an anonymous donor. The World Trade Center health network has dedicated staff, who personally monitor and treat daily those of us who were exposed to toxins. This is a thankless job, and I know how much I depend on my case representative. Mindy Morgan and her husband Oscar, would you please stand, where are you, and be recognized. Thank you.

I think I've got myself together here. Present today is my partner from 9/11, retired New York Police Department Captain Anthony Ottomano. Please, Anthony, if you would stand and be recognized by the crowd. Thank you, sir.

Let's see here. My Ancients are a major part of my family. Two individuals in this audience must be recognized, two gentlemen I cherish as icons to America, a symbol of our greatest generation, and they are blessed friends. Would Brigadier General Enoch "Woody" Woodhouse and Lieutenant Franklin Simon please stand and be recognized by this company and our

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guests, our two World War II veterans. Franklin, where are you, Franklin? Please, stand up, Franklin, be recognized. And I will tell you that Franklin tomorrow is turning 101. Happy birthday, Franklin.

One of the things that we did was at the World War II museum, and the most significant part of that was the purchase of a paver, a very large paver, that is in the Memorial Plaza of World War II, in the names of Franklin Simon, "Woody" Woodhouse, and all our Ancient World War II veterans that have fallen. That is there for you all to see. Visit the World War II museum in New Orleans.

Most important are family. No leader succeeds without strong guidance and support from loved ones. I'm going to ask -- without embarrassment, I would ask my wife Helene and my daughter Marisa to please stand and be recognized.

Can I also -- just so everybody knows, I'm going to embarrass my daughter. I am going to be a grandpa, first-time grandpa of a baby girl. My daughter came in from Fort

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Bliss military family to do her little maternity visit with us, and then we'll see what we're going to name our little grandchild. We'll figure this out.

I now ask the Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts and their wives, significant others that are present and all to please stand to be recognized by this group, please. Honorable Artillery Company of London. We just came back from the St. George's dinner, and I have to tell you, what a great job, what a great time. Thank you for being such wonderful hosts to the command staff and myself. Thank you.

I'm almost done, yay. In conclusion, I believe this best describes my command year, and I quote Admiral William McCraven, a four-star admiral, former Commander of all U.S. Special Forces and a Navy Seal. "Know that life is not fair and that you will fail often, but if you take some risks, step up when times are toughest, face down the bullies, lift up the downtrodden, and never, ever give up, if you do these things, then you can change your

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life for the better, and maybe the world." Thank you.

Now, Steve, you're going to have to come down, so do you want the mike there? It is my honor to present the 317th Captain Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company 2025-2026 Stephen Colella for some remarks.

CAPTAIN COLELLA: I want to thank you, and I wish you the best going forward, whatever endeavor you decide to do going forward.

For my part (inaudible) for the year that I've had. Today (inaudible) we've had a lot of participation. I've asked the outside groups (inaudible) as well to continue that support for the rest of this year and beyond, and that is why we meet as a group going forward and (inaudible.)

So if you would please consider that and carry that on, that's where we're going to go forward as a group in a positive manner. I expect to hold out to the tradition of our company that we have had for years and years --

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it's not something new -- and adhere to what we have all discovered.

The Commonwealth, the city and state and the state as a whole, what we've participated in, and I ask for your support for that. And now I believe we're going to sing if you would all stand the National Anthem.

I apologize, this is a learning period. (Inaudible)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So my successor, Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Smith, the Commander of the First Battalion 101st Field Artillery. He couldn't be here tonight, so he asked me to fill in for him. It's always an honor to be amongst the Ancients and all of you tonight, so thank you, Captain, for having me. It's an honor to be here.

So I'll start off with the order of St. Barbara -- the Legend of St. Barbara. So according to the legend, the patron saint of the field artillery was the beautiful daughter of Diasporas, a noble man in the Roman empire believed to have lived in Nikademia in Asia Minor around the 3rd or 4th century A.D.

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To limit Barbara's exposure to Christianity and encourage her development as a zealous pagan, her father kept her shut up in a tower lightened by only two windows. From these windows, she looked upon the surrounding countryside and marveled at the living things. She concluded that these things must be part of a master plan and that the items of wooden stone worshiped by her parents must be condemned as false.

She obtained instruction in Christianity and was baptized. In token of her faith, while her father was away, she had another window pierced into the tower, making three, symbolizing the holy trinity.

On his return, Diasporas asked why she had made this change, and Barbara acknowledged her conversion. Despite his threats, she refused to renounce Christianity. He delivered her to a Roman magistrate, who, even under torture, also failed to persuade her. Diasporas himself then took his daughter to a high mountain, where he beheaded her.

Afterward, as he descended the

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mountain, he was caught in a sudden violent storm. In a blinding flash, he was consumed by lightning. As a logical consequence, Barbara became to be regarded at the St. Patroness of those in danger from thunderstorms, fires, explosions, that is to say certain death.

Given the questionable reliability of early cannons, muzzle fires, muzzle bursts and exploding weapons, which weren't uncommon at the time, it is easy to see why our predecessors sought the protection of St. Barbara. She has protected us well ever since.

To all of you field artillery men, wherever you may be, greetings. Know that ye there appear before the most arduous and selective committee composed of highly esteemed and proven field artillery men a likely candidate for the Honorable Order of St. Barbara.

Do you remember the hereafter mentioned individual has been inspected and passed by ourselves, on our lawyer staff, and be it known that by all ye field artillery men who may be honored by this individual's

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presence that Major Michael A. Fish, having been tried and found worthy to be numbered amongst our trusty members, has been gathered in our fold and duly initiated into the solemn mysteries of this traditional brotherhood of stone hurlers, archerers, catapulters, racketeers and gunners.

Be it further understood that we hereby confer upon this individual the shield of St. Barbara and blaze and above and enjoy all field artillery men henceforth to show due honor and respect wherever this individual may be in your midst, given under this day, 2nd day of June 2025.

Again, I want to thank you all, and the incoming Commander, I want to congratulate you on your new command. I want to wish you the best, and I also want to take the opportunity to apologize to you for making fun of you for being old.

I had no idea that he would eventually become Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. So when I first met him, my first remarks to him were -- he

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introduced himself as Lieutenant Colella, and my response to him was you're a little old to be a lieutenant. He hasn't let that go. So I want to apologize. It's just a reflex of mine to give lieutenants a hard time.

I command you -- I want to congratulate you on your command, I have no doubt you're going to do a great job, and thank you very much for having us here.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Captains, both in and out commanding, distinguished head table guests and members and friends of our company, I want to congratulate Michael for a great year -- not yet --and his staff, his command staff seated right at stage front, and I wish Steve Colella, Captain Steve Colella, a great year with his staff. Thank you all.

Before I exercise my duty as the representative of the society of past commanders, tonight you have enlightened us with historic history and tradition of the Ancients, our company.

After 390 years, our company established a foundation appropriately called

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the 1638 Fund. In a short seven years, members and friends have made tax deductible contributions to the foundation. The mission of the trust is to preserve our company archives and gift primarily to nonprofit military veteran organizations. We have been successful in raising over $2 million from over 400 members.

This past command year, I had lunch with a fellow senior life 50-year member. Lieutenant Richard Cox was so pleased with the accomplishments of our company, he indicated he wanted to make a gift. For dessert, he handed me a check for $100,000.

Richard is still with us tonight. Later on, Richard, I'm going to present you with a diamond lapel pin. We thank you so much for your service and for your kindness and generosity.

Now, more importantly, I will call upon my chief here, and at this time, our outgoing captain is going to be inducted into the Society of Past Commanders. So with great pleasure and assistance from our chief of

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staff, it gives us great pleasure to present our newly inducted member -- representative of our past commanders. Michael, wear this proudly. I can never get it out of the box.

(Music played.)

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THREE HUNDRED and EIGHTY SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS

Annual Church Service

1638 **2025**

Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts

Monday, 2 June 2025
MAJ Michael A. Fish, ESQ
Captain Commanding

Anniversary Sermon
Reverend Matthew Wissell

Anniversary Ode
LT Neal Biron
Author and Reader

A.H.A.C. JUNE DAY ODE
2024 - 2025

- Written by LT Neal F. Biron June 2, 2025

Ring out O glorious church bells ring,
And sound the clarion call,
For today the Ancients march again
From historic Faneuil Hall.

The bands will play and the troops will march
And the muskets, they will roar,
As we follow the ancient footsteps
Of those who have gone before.

And there upon that common pasture,
In the shadow of the golden dome,
We'll once again inscribe a chapter
In history's eternal tome.

March on 0 Ancient Company,
March on through decades more,
And bear upon ghostly caissons
The stores of ancient lore.

And though we march 100 strong
Under June's bright warming sun,
A thousand more keep step with us,
Their service centuries done.

For we will never march alone.
We live not for just today,
We'll march on ever mindful
Of comrades who've passed away.

And mindful too of a course that's true
That assures our future years,
With adherence to that trust and duty
That leadership confers.

And that is a duty that befalls us all
Not just a chosen few,
For what is a general without an army,
To see the campaign through?

So gather 'round and cheer the colors
Born by this ancient band,
As we pledge once more our loyal service
To this Company old and grand.

PERSONNEL ADJUTANT REPORT COMMAND YEAR 2024-2025

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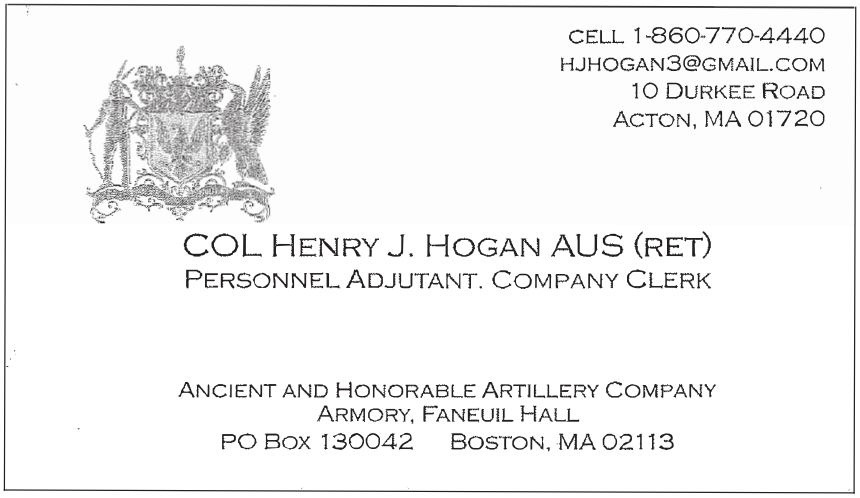
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Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting
10 June 2024
Captains's Quarters, Fourth Floor, Faneuil Hall
Boston, MA

Attendees
Present:
MAJ Michael A. Fish,Captain Commanding
PC George Morrison, Chief of Staff
LT John Sidoti, Paymaster
COL Henry Hogan Personnel Adjutant and Clerk
LT Philip C. Nessralla Judge Advocate
LT Richard Kingsborough, Chairman Finance Committee
LT Michael Haran, Chairman of the MM&L
LT Joe Regan, Executive Secretary

Absent:
LT John A.Damiano, First Lieutenant
LT Bob Collins, Second Lieutenant
LT Stephen Colella, Incoming Captain
LTC Mike Wabrek, Incoming First Lieutenant
LT Brian Kane, Secretary Finance Committee
COL James Wiegel, Chairman Permanent Fund
LT Dominic Uglietto, Chairman of the Membership Committee
COL Jim Littleton, Prior Paymaster
PC Nick Schiarizzi, Society of Past Commanders

Guests:
COL Laurence Bazer, Chaplain
LT Barton Hyte PC Centennial Legion Committee
LT Rolf Augustin Military Protocal Committee
LTC Catherine Corkery Military Support Committee

CPT Fish called the meeting to order at 1805 hours at that time COL Laurence Bazer Chaplain gave a blessing for the benefit of the Standing Committee and the Company.

CPT Fish asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the 28 May 2024. The motion was made seconded and passed unanimously.

Paymaster Report: LT John Sodoti presented the Summary of the dues collections to 7 June 2024: Total members paid excluding ROD 69.7% (see Attached Summary). This is

consistent with prior years collections at this point. He reported that efforts were made to capture members trying to enter the banquet without paying dues, he was able to secure several partial payments. There were 385 members committed to the banquest no one who committed had not paid duet. ExecSec Regan advised that certified collection letters will be sent to members on 15 August. Furter suggestion was made to investigate creating an electronic payment system for efficient collection of funds for events.

A motion to accept the report of the Paymaster was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Personnel Adjutant Report:

Discussion: Nothing to report.

A motion to accept the report of the Personnel Adjutant was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Finance Committee Report:

LT Richard Kingsborough reported there is currently $100,000.00 outstanding in loans to the FFTD.Total subscribers have paid a total of $111,000.$183,000 has been paid out in deposits an aditional $28,600 subsidy is available from the Company. (See attached FINCOM reports). Paymaster reports that all questions from the Auditors have been answered and sent back for action. Ordinance Officers James Marques Budget for the Fall Shoot is in discussion with funds available for deposits.

A motion to accept the report of the Finance Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Protocol Committee :

Reported that the NG Band did not beat a street march from the Common to the Church and will follow up with resumption next year as necessary. The VIP reception room at not door control with persons unknown able to enter. This issue happens very Banquet and needs a plan for next year.

PC George Morrison commented that the speeches were too long, dinner service was delayed, the cocktail hours were to long and will advise of other issues he will address for next years receptions and Banquet.

A motion to accept the report of the Permanent Fund was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Military Museum and Library Committee Report:

The Anniversary Book is complete and a copy was made available for review. The Committee will be updating the inventory of momentos from the museum. The repair of the armory floor if off the table as the city will not contribute.

A motion to accept the report of the Military Museum and Library Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously

A call was made for New Business,

ExecSec LT Regan responded to question that Observations be in both Scroll and PDF format. Requested that publications be in PDF only comment was made the some prefer Scroll for cell phone. Many open positions on Company roster Standing Committee should recruit to give members jobs. CPT Fish reaffirmed his commitment to New Member training before Oath's are given.

Discussion about requiring Members who chair events are obligated to cover any shortfalls in collections. This is not a reasonable expection for those who step up and a rule change is appropriate. Further there should be a professional system for collecting funds for Company sponsored events in one centralized person. The Judge Advocate LT Phillip Nasrally was asked about the authority of the CC to bind the Company to contractual obligations, he advised that as long as he is acting within the scope of his authority further comment included reminders of the roles of Paymaster and FINCOM.

CPT Fish announced he was forming and AD HOC Committee to conduct further review of the MGL CH33. Members selected PC Joseph Milano; BG Leonid Kondratiuk Heraldry Committee; 2LT Robert Collins. Anniversary Day 2025 present a problem with scheduling the committtee is reviewing options with efforts to guarantee the Banquet remains in Boston. Major Hotels don't value groups of The Company size.

A motion to adjourn that meeting was made and seconded and passed unanimously
the meeting was adjourned at 1905 hours

The next scheduled meeting of the Standing Committee is at 1800 hours on 5 August 2024.

COL Henry J. Hogan
Personnel Adjutant and
Clerk of the Company

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COL Henry Hogan
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Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting
3 Aug 2024
Captains's Quarters, Fourth Floor, Faneuil Hall
Boston, MA

Attendees
Present:
MAJ Michael A. Fish,Captain Commanding
LT John A.Damiano, First Lieutenant
LT Bob Collins, Second Lieutenant
LT Stephen Colella, Incoming Captain
PC George Morrison, Chief of Staff
LT John Sidoti, Paymaster
COL Henry Hogan Personnel Adjutant and Clerk
LT Richard Kingsborough, Chairman Finance Committee
LT Michael Haran, Chairman of the MM&L
LT Robert Durand, Secretary MM&L
LT Dominic Uglietto, Chairman of the Membership Committee
COL Jim Littleton, Prior Paymaster
PC Nick Schiarizzi, Society of Past Commanders
LT Joe Regan, Executive Secretary

Absent:
LTC Mike Wabrek, Incoming First Lieutenant
LT Philip C. Nessralla Judge Advocate
LT Brian Kane, Secretary Finance Committee
COL James Wiegel, Chairman Permanent Fund

Guests:
LT Barton Hyte, Centennial Legion
LT Rolf Augustin, Military Protocal Committee
COL Catherine Corkery,Military Support Committee

CPT Fish called the meeting to order at 1800 hours

Paymaster Report: LT John Sidoti
Discussion: Invoicing has been sent out for dues, not for ROD's; CC proposes to waive late charge of $100 if paid by 10 Aug. 387 paid of 448 members about 86% collected.A demand letter to be sent 15Aug. If not paid; member will go before SC for disenrollment. CC reviewed paid or missing. Delinquent annoucements by name is posted. EXESEC will begin making calls.(See Reports Attached)

A motion to accept the report of the Paymaster was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Personnel Adjutant Report: COL Henry "Jay" Hogan
Discussion: Nothing to report at this time.

A motion to accept the report of the Personnel Adjutant was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Finance Committee Report: LT Richard Kingsborough

Discussion: Currently there are 41 subscribers for the trip at $4975 with a $73,000 shortfall CC has tightened budget. (See Report Attached)

A motion to accept the report of the Finance Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

Permanent Fund Report
No Report at this time.

Discussion:
A motion to accept the report of the Permanent Fund was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Military Museum and Library Committee Report: LT Michael Haran
Discussion: Company was approached to begin running adds in circular type newspaper, not likely to produce valuable results. Revision of display cabinets is out for bids. Navy held recruiting and NCO training events in the Armory for 125 visitors with very positive reviews.

A motion to accept the report of the Military Museum and Library Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously

A call was made for Old Business,
Military Support Committee report was tabled for proposals for ROTC awards. Military Protocol Committee no report. CH 33 Committee tabled for further action. Membership Committee in interviews no reports. Update on FFTD negotiations JA in contact with hotel managers. EXSEC to review internet upgrade opportunities with contractor Fincom Rep and IT experts from the membership.

New Business:
SGM Ward will be stepping down with LTC Wabrek to fill in until SGM Drumey is able to find his replacement as NCOIC of the Color Guard. QM is reviewing uniform suppliers locally and internationally who can provide completed merchandise within two weeks. LTC Wabrek will conduct staff inspections until SGM Drumey can assume duties as Company SGM. Public Affairs Committte has 4 members and will start recruiting members to complete the committee. Committee reports are to be submitted to the EXESEC for recordkeeping for preparation of the Annual Record by the CC. The contract for the Anniversary venue (hotel and ballroom) has been viewed including walk

throughs with PC's; negotiated with signing expected. There will be an encampment and the Governor's Dinner will be limited to invited guests expected to be approximately 25.The cocktail Reception in the Royale as well as the VIP Suite will be monitored and secured. There are 60 MOH recipient gravestones in disrepair in Massachusetts CC Fish proposes that the Company take action to address the repair of one of these gravestones. BG Driscoll will be speaking to the meeting tonight on behalf of the Charity Drive for the Massachusetts Veterans Homes (aka The Soldiers Home in Chelsea and Holyoke).EXECSEC and PERSADJ will address two pending requests for members seeking changes in status.

A motion to adjourn that meeting was made and seconded and passed unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 1850 hours

The next scheduled meeting of the Standing Committee is at 1800 hours on 16 Sep 2024.

COL Henry J. Hogan
Personnel Adjutant and
Clerk of the Company

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting
03 SEP 2024
Captains's Quarters, Fourth Floor, Faneuil Hall
Boston, MA

Attendees
Present:
MAJ Michael A. Fish, Captain Commanding
LT John A.Damiano, First Lieutenant
LTC Mike Wabrek, Incoming First Lieutenant
LT Bob Collins, Second Lieutenant
LT Stephen Colella, Incoming Captain
PC George Morrison, Chief of Staff
LT Philip C. Nessralla Judge Advocate
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LT Robert Durand, Secretary MM&L
LT Byron Hyte, Chairman Public Affairs
COL Jim Littleton, Prior Paymaster
PC Nick Schiarizzi, Society of Past Commanders
LT Joe Regan, Executive Secretary

Absent: COL James Wiegel, Chairman Permanent Fund

CPT Fish called the meeting to order at 1801 hours

Paymaster Report: LT John Sidoti
Discussion: Final payment date has passed collections are making progress. EXECSEC reported that he was in possession of dues that had arrived today. It is expected that based on projected credits to offset the any shortfalls in the FFTD budget there could be a surplus of $70,000.00. The Paymaster has suggested that individual officers using personal credit cards to cover commitments is not an accepted business practice. It was suggested that the Paymaster take action to update the expired Debit Card for his use and custody.

A motion to accept the report of the Paymaster was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Personnel Adjutant Report: COL Henry "Jay" Hogan
Discussion: All applications for Regular or Right of Descent will be processed intially by the PERSADJ who will monitor the six steps from Application to Oath into membership.

There is 6 Regular Memberships and 7 ROD's in process. There is 1 interview and one Administration of Oath scheduled for tonight's meeting.

A motion to accept the report of the Personnel Adjutant was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Finance Committee Report: LT Richard Kingsborough

Discussion: All costs for the FFTD have been submitted and reviewed. The Fall Shoot is priced at $50 for members and $60 for guests. The Annual Audit of the Company is in process with Hall&Hall with an outstanding query for follow up regarding the Fall Shoot numbers.

A motion to accept the report of the Finance Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

Permanent Fund Report
No Report at this time.

Discussion:
A motion to accept the report of the Permanent Fund was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Military Museum and Library Committee Report: LT Michael Haran
Discussion: Showcases are being worked on. Boston Globe ran a story on hidden treasures of Boston and the Armory was a subject of very positive comments.

A motion to accept the report of the Military Museum and Library Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously

A call was made for New Business,

CC stated those members eligible will be acknowledged with a Lafayette Award and Decoration to be developed. It was a fabulous event with the Company receiving compliments and praise including from the members of the Lafayette enotourage.

CC proposed that the Company be prepared to present a high level of acknowledgment for the exemplary career and service of COL (Chaplain) McCabe. He is currently in hospice care. LT Fazio visited and spoke giving the Company's thanks and best wishes. The meeting was reminded that COL McCabe attended all FFTD's.

CC proposed that enforcement deadlines be provided in time to support enforcement of penalties and the Company should stick to deadlines and late fees.

CC reported that the ad hoc Communications Committee continues to analyze the shortcomings and solutions to the electronic notifications. The EXESEC reported that the

wiring is defective and can be resolved. The larger issues is the he regularly notifies some 840 addressees but is limited by the current program that can handle no more that 220-230 in a group which requires upwards of 6 group blasts. Postive reviews were suggested for the program-Constant Contact which has features that provide information including the ability to identify defective email addresses without busting the blast.

A motion was made to authorize the EXECSEC to contract with Constant Contact to provided email services, which shall be funded from the EXECSEC budget the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Affairs Committee Chairman LT Barton Hyte reported that he continues to recruit for this committee.

Retention and Recruitment Committee Chairman COL James Littleton reported that the Committee will hold meetings offsite 1 time per month.

A motion to adjourn that meeting was made and seconded and passed unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 1845 hours

The next scheduled meeting of the Standing Committee is to be announced.

COL Henry J. Hogan
Personnel Adjutant and
Clerk of the Company

Addendum A to AHAC Minutes of 03 SEP 2024
Submitted by: LTC James Littleton Outgoing Paymaster

Paymaster Report: Captain Fish is projected to lose $70,000 on his FFDTD. Per request of the Finance Committee, Captain Fish has reduced his current year operating budget by close to $70,000 to try to offset this loss...there is no $70,000 surplus.

Finance Committee Report : There is NO annual audit of the Company. There is a rule that with any change in the person holding down the paymaster position there is an audit required. The Finance Chair was making reference to the ongoing review by Hall & Hall required with the change in paymaster from myself, Jim Littleton to John Sidoti.

ABSTRACT OF SC MEETING MINUTES

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting
___,_____2024
Captains's Quarters, Fourth Floor, Faneuil Hall

Attendees:
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✓LT John A.Damiano, First Lieutenant
LT Bob Collins, Second Lieutenant
LT Stephen Colella, Incoming Captain
LTC Mike Wabrek, Incoming First Lieutenant
✓PC George Morrison, Chief of Staff
✓LT John Sidoti, Paymaster
✓COL Henry Hogan Personnel Adjutant and Clerk
✓LT Philip C. Nessralla Judge Advocate
✓LT Richard Kingsborough, Chairman Finance Committee
LT Gerald O'Grady, Secretary Finance Committee
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✓LT Michael Haran, Chairman of the MM&L
LT Dominic Uglietto, Chairman of the Membership Committee
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✓PC Nick Schianizzi, Society of Past Commanders
✓LT Joe Regan, Executive Secretary

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HYTE, DILLON - PUBLIC AFFAIRS
ABSENT
JIM WIEGEL

CPT Fish called the meeting to order at 1801 hours and asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the ___ _____, 2024. The motion was made seconded and passed unanimously.

Reports and Motions
See Handwritten Notes

A call was made for new business, being none; the meeting was adjourned at 1845 hours

The next scheduled meeting of the Standing Committee is at 1800 hours on ___ _____,2024.

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting
28 October 2024
Captains's Quarters, Fourth Floor, Faneuil Hall
Boston, MA

Attendees
Present:
MAJ Michael A. Fish,Captain Commanding
LT John A.Damiano, First Lieutenant
LT Bob Collins, Second Lieutenant
LT Stephen Colella, Incoming Captain
LT John Sidoti, Paymaster
COL Henry Hogan Personnel Adjutant and Clerk
LT Richard Kingsborough, Chairman Finance Committee
LT Brian Kane, Secretary Finance Committee
COL James Wiegel, Chairman Permanent Fund
LT Robert Brown Permanent Fund
LT Michael Haran, Chairman of the MM&L
LT Robert Durand, MM&L
COL Jim Littleton, Prior Paymaster
LT Joe Regan, Executive Secretary

Absent:
LTC Mike Wabrek, Incoming First Lieutenant
PC George Morrison, Chief of Staff
LT Philip C. Nessralla Judge Advocate
LT Dominic Uglietto, Chairman of the Membership Committee
PC Nick Schiarizzi, Society of Past Commanders

CPT Fish called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.

Paymaster Report:
Discussion: Report on the Fall Shoot it is expected there will be a small loss of between $2000-3000. Gun Club did give discounts. QM and Armorer (COL Willwerth is currently filling that role) will be seeking reimbursement for weapons cleaning and storage. Paymaster awaiting final costs attendance down with gross revenues down estimated 30%. The FFTD continues to be monitored to keep an eye on expenses for P and L with totals within a few weeks from Shervin Hawley for final payments. The goal is to look at the full year budget to stay in the black and not a deficit.

A motion to accept the report of the Paymaster was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Personnel Adjutant Report:

Discussion: The existing process for submission of Candidates Certificate of Eligibility allows candidates to withhold submission to within 3 weeks of the meeting for nominations. In the past, this resulted in confusion and in some cases candidate reluctance to seek elective office as the individual campaigns have not been declared.

R&R 402 authorizes the Standing Committee to approve the date when candidates must submit their Certificate of Eligibility.

The following motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

VOTED: Candidates for elective officer positions shall file a Candidate Certificate of Eligibility by the start of the February Meeting effective on and after 2 June 2025.

A motion to accept the report of the Personnel Adjutant was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Finance Committee Report:

Discussion: The final list of discharges for unpaid members was distributed to the members of the Standing Committee notice to those on the list was confirmed by the LT Regan. Final trip costs are being finalized. It appears to be approximately $51K short, which will be captured from the command year budget.
Brian Kane is working with the IT team to bring the payment system online. He expects a limited verson to be up and running for the President's Day and the full version in time for due payments in the Spring. Fincom is discussing a rule change regaring contracts. More information is coming later.

The following motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

VOTED: The members identified on the published list for non payment of annual dues are Discharged:

A motion to accept the report of the Finance Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

Permanent Fund Report

Discussion: Portfolio is doing well. Current financial manager not as aggressive at previously rate of 60/40 has "pulled in the horns" to 50/50.

A motion to accept the report of the Permanent Fund was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Military Museum and Library Committee Report:

Discussion: Work to replace the plexiglass cabinet with lock to make access easier. Funds for the cabinet maker will be drawn from the Permanent Fund. Proposed to use funds from the MM&L budgeted funds for recent electrical work any additional funds needed will be requested from the Rioux Fund. $1700 for 1cabinet will be submitted to the Permanent Fund for approval.

A motion to accept the report of the Military Museum and Library Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously

A call was made for New Business.
Preparations for June Day are looking good with costs getting finalized. There is great excitement surrounding events scheduled. Centennial Legion is expected to attend. Bob Bean is stepping down there will be need for a bugler going forward. SGM Drummey is in line to assume the duties of the Company SGM. BG Driscoll is stepping down as Adjutant with PC Haraden to serve as Adjutant.

A motion to adjourn that meeting was made and seconded and passed unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 1855 hours

The next scheduled meeting of the Standing Committee is at 1800 hours on 13 January 2024.

COL Henry J. Hogan
Personnel Adjutant and
Clerk of the Company

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting
January 13, 2025
Captains's Quarters, Fourth Floor, Faneuil Hall
Boston, MA

Attendees
Present:
MAJ Michael A. Fish, Captain Commanding
LT John A.Damiano, First Lieutenant
LT Bob Collins, Second Lieutenant
LT Stephen Colella, Incoming Captain
LTC Mike Wabrek, Incoming First Lieutenant
PC George Morrison, Chief of Staff
LT John Sidoti, Paymaster
COL Henry Hogan Personnel Adjutant and Clerk
LT Philip C. Nessralla Judge Advocate
LT Richard Kingsborough, Chairman Finance Committee
LT Brian Kane, Secretary Finance Committee
COL James Wiegel, Chairman Permanent Fund
LT Michael Haran, Chairman of the MM&L
PC Nick Schiarizzi, Society of Past Commanders
LT Joe Regan, Executive Secretary

Absent:

LT Dominic Uglietto, Chairman of the Membership Committee (Interviews)
COL Jim Littleton, Prior Paymaster

Guests: LT Stephen Coan

CPT Fish called the meeting to order at 1832 hours.

Paymaster Report:
Discussion: LT John Sodoti. The closing out of the New Orleans has an OS invoice to Shervin Hawley of approximatley $20,000. Proposed to holdback $5000.00 and pay the balance. Further discussion proposed that Shervin accept $7800.00.
The amount owed for the trip by the SGTS is undisputed a closing check is forthcoming.
See attached Projected Cash Flow at 1/13/25 for FFTD.

A motion to accept the report of the Paymaster was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Military Protocol Committee: No Report

Judge Advocate Report: CC Fish advised: In the event the shortfall from the New Orleans Hotel is not recovered the CC annual budget is expected to cover any deficit.

Judge Advocate LT Phillip Nessralla:
Discusion: The Hotel is subject to a claim by the Company for unjust enrichment in requiring a contract that was disengenous allowing it to accept compensation for rooms that were reserved by the Company but not occupied. Further that the Hotel is required to mitigate damages to the Company renting the unoccupied rooms reserved by the Company. Discussion included retaining local counsel to persue the claim on either a contigency basis (compensation a percentage of recovery) or hourly fee by agreement.

The matter was tabled.

A motion to adjourn that meeting was made and seconded and passed unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 1910 hours

The next scheduled meeting of the Standing Committee is at 1800 hours on 10 February 2025.

COL Henry J. Hogan
Personnel Adjutant and
Clerk of the Company

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting
10 Feb 2025
Captains's Quarters, Fourth Floor, Faneuil Hall
Boston, MA
Attendees
Present:
MAJ Michael A. Fish,Captain Commanding
LT John A.Damiano, First Lieutenant
LTC Mike Wabrek, Incoming First Lieutenant
LT Bob Collins, Second Lieutenant
PC George Morrison, Chief of Staff
LT John Sidoti, Paymaster
COL Henry Hogan Personnel Adjutant and Clerk
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LT Byron Hyte, Chairman Public Affairs
COL Jim Littleton, Prior Paymaster
PC Nick Schiarizzi, Society of Past Commanders
LT Joe Regan, Executive Secretary
CPT Fish called the meeting to order at 1803 hours
Paymaster Report: LT John Sidoti
Discussion:Hall and Hall Report was received in draft which included reference to Fincom language including reference to CH 33 and IRS status of the Company's history. Identified Company as Organized Militia of the Commonwealth. Further refence was made to a pending bill in the Legislature re: Organized Militia. The financing records regarding IRS status are not accurately stated. Discussion was had regarding making changes to the Hall & Hall Report. At this time it was suggested for Hall&Hall to rely on the historical background that they have. PC Haradin's trip will result in a little over $12000 surplus. Advised that $7400 will be applied to the New Orleans trip. In total PC Haradin and Covid money would result in $30,000 available. PC Fish's budget after adjustments will likely be $35000 reduced with total of $ 65,000 offset should be OK for the year. 1LT Colella has sold out with 60 Ancients and guests for $108,000. LT Steve Coan will serve as Acting ExecSec during LT Regan family medical leave.

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Motion: In lieu of compensation LT Coan's dues for 2025 will be waived and LT Coan will be reimbursed for parking fees. This will affect CC Fish budget.
A motion to accept the report of the Paymaster

Personnel Adjutant Report: COL Henry "Jay" Hogan
Discussion: There are 2 Applicants for Interviews, 3 Applicants for Vote and 2 Applicants for Training and 2 forAdministration of Oaths.
A motion to accept the report of the Personnel Adjutant was made and seconded and passed unanimously
Finance Committee Report:
Discussion: The written Report of the Finance Committee was submitted by LT Richard Kingsborough and is attached to these Minutes.
A motion to accept the report of the Finance Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously.
Permanent Fund Report
No Report at this time.
Discussion:
A motion to accept the report of the Permanent Fund was made and seconded and passed unanimously
Military Museum and Library Committee Report: LT Michael Haran
Discussion: Military Historical Society has committed to $5000 to support work to repair cabinets. It is expected work will begin in February until completed. The Committee will continue to pursue available grant applications. The Committee will audit the Past Perfect Software currentily in use by the MA National Guard.
A motion to accept the report of the Military Museum and Library Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously
A call was made for New Business, CC Fish reported that a list of VIP's will be updated on the Friday before the President's Lunch. Security will be in place to require all to pass through a checkpoint. As of this report there are 75 paid guests. It was proposed that Ancients who reserve and do not pay should be billed for reserving and not paying. It is expected there will be 120 paid attendees with an estimated 14 additional Guests.
Discussion was had to pursue the $35000 Hotel Claim for unused guest rooms. It was suggested to hire a lawyer on a contingency against the Hotel including filing suit. The

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Company will be obligated to pay court costs and filing fees. Speculation that Hotel might settle as a nuisance. The matter was tabled for further discussion.
A motion to adjourn that meeting was made and seconded and passed unanimously
the meeting was adjourned at 1840 hours
The next scheduled meeting of the Standing Committee is at 1800 hours on 7 April 2025.

COL Henry J. Hogan
Personnel Adjutant and
Clerk of the Company

Gmail Henry Hogan <hjhogan3@gmail.com>

April Standing Committee Report
1 message

Steve Coan <wrweather2000@aol.com> Tue, May 6, 2025 at 8:52 AM
To: jay Hogan <hjhogan3@gmail.com>

Hello Jay,
Good seeing you last night. Please confirm by email you received this and were able to open it.
FNV
Steve

MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 7 April 2025

1. OPEN MEETING WITH REVIEW OF PREPARATION PROGRESS: Captain Commanding says June Day is on track. No report on permits.

2. OPENING STATEMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING: Captain Commanding said G-d Bless you all.

3. PAYMASTER REPORT: Discussed Company's finances. Also, 80 signed up for FFTD to Italy. Motion accepted.

4. PERSONNEL ADJUTANT & CLERK REPORT:
No report

Waiver granted on application for William Fitzmorris for Membership. His sponsor is deceased.

RULE CHANGE TO 309J and 309K:
Lively discussion. Tabled for further review.

RULE CHANGE TO RULE 106:
Motion supported.

PROPOSED NEW RULE 237:

Motion accepted. SSGT Michael Nemeth new Armorer.

PROPOSED TO STRIKE PART 13 OF RULE 205

Motion accepted

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Discussed next years dues. New system will improve collecting dues and communication with members. Also, there will be funds for Captain Colella's Budget.

6. PERMANENT FUND REPORT: No Member present.

7. MM&L COMMITTEE REPORT:
West Point Event in the future. Cabinet maker starting work on display cases. Also, discussion on loaning sword to Bunker Hill Museum. Not in favor of doing that

8. MILITARY SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPORT:
No report.

9. MILITARY PROTOCOL COMMITTEE REPORT:
At next meeting, Company will honor ROTC Cadets who will be commissioned 2nd Lieutenants.

10. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:
Company will continue support and recruit from National Guard.

11. MAJ FISH Reports:

250th Medals and Badges ordered.

Hotel Claim: New Orleans - Ongoing.

USS Massachusetts commissioning in 2026.

MGL C 33. - No new news.

Steve Coan will continue learning Personal Adjutant and Ex-Sec Positions.

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting
22 April 2025
Captains's Quarters, Fourth Floor, Faneuil Hall
Boston, MA

Attendees
Present:
MAJ Michael A. Fish,Captain Commanding
LT John A.Damiano, First Lieutenant
LT Bob Collins, Second Lieutenant
PC George Morrison, Chief of Staff
COL Henry Hogan Personnel Adjutant and Clerk
LT Philip C. Nessralla Judge Advocate
LT Brian Kane, Secretary Finance Committee
LT Michael Haran, Chairman of the MM&L
LT Robert Durand, MM&L
COL Jim Littleton, Prior Paymaster
PC Nick Schiarizzi, Society of Past Commanders
LT Joe Regan, Executive Secretary
LT Rolf Augustin, Military Protocol Committee

Absent:
LT Stephen Colella, Incoming Captain
LTC Mike Wabrek, Incoming First Lieutenant
LT John Sidoti, Paymaster
LT Richard Kingsborough, Chairman Finance Committee
COL James Wiegel, Chairman Permanent Fund

CPT Fish called the meeting to order at 1800 hours. A motion was made to waive the reading of the Minutes of 7 APR 2025. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously

Paymaster Report:
Discussion: No Report

A motion to accept the report of the Paymaster was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Personnel Adjutant Report:
Discussion: No Report

A motion to accept the report of the Personnel Adjutant was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Finance Committee Report:
Discussion: All annual dues are now available for billing, collection and status on Club Express. ExecSec Regan expressed concern regarding the invoice alert sent to members from Constant Contact as it has the appearance of a Scam Format. It would likely be discarded by a member before following the path to the Invoice from the Company to members. The request for the password looks suspicious…to avoid problems LT Damiano recommended that the Constant Contact email format be supported by the customary mailing and letter format

A motion to accept the report of the Finance Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

Permanent Fund Report

Discussion:No Report
A motion to accept the report of the Permanent Fund was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Military Museum and Library Committee Report:
Discussion:The initial contracted cabinets have been completed and the MM&L Committee is pleased with the results delivered by the Contractor. Further suggestion was made to consider replacing all of the cabinets.

A motion to accept the report of the Military Museum and Library Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

Military Protocol Committee Report
Discussion: No Report

Recruiting a Retention Committee
The recent Recruting meeting was reported to be well attended with a follow up report on specifics and numbers at a later time.

A motion to accept the report of the Military Museum and Library Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously

A call was made for New Business,

CC Fish reported that June Day activities are on track with a Duty Officers meeting scheduled for 6 May 2025 at 5:30 at the Armory. The visiting units encampments has been cancelled. LT Regan reported that all required Permits are in place.

Discussion was had regarding the proposed rule change that prohibits Company Officers from obligating the Company to third party contracts that would exceed the line item cost as itemized in the Captain Commanding's budget. Objection was made on the grounds that last minute invitations and events arise that require the CC to committ the Company that would not be included in the CC's budget. It was disclosed that the Finance Committee has a contingency fund above he CC's budget that is available for just such situations.

A motion to adjourn that meeting was made and seconded and passed unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 1830 hours

The next scheduled meeting of the Standing Committee is at 1800 hours on 5 May 2024.

COL Henry J. Hogan
Personnel Adjutant and
Clerk of the Company

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting
5 May 2025
Captains's Quarters, Fourth Floor, Faneuil Hall
Boston, MA

Attendees
Present:
MAJ Michael A. Fish,Captain Commanding
LT John A.Damiano, First Lieutenant
LT Bob Collins, Second Lieutenant
LT Stephen Colella, Incoming Captain
LTC Mike Wabrek, Incoming First Lieutenant
PC George Morrison, Chief of Staff
LT John Sidoti, Paymaster
COL Henry Hogan Personnel Adjutant and Clerk
LT Philip C. Nessralla Judge Advocate
LT Richard Kingsborough, Chairman Finance Committee
LT Brian Kane. Finance Committee
LT Michael Haran, Chairman of the MM&L
LT Dominic Uglietto, Chairman of the Membership Committee
COL Jim Littleton, Prior Paymaster
LT Joe Regan, Executive Secretary

Absent:
COL James Wiegel, Chairman Permanent Fund
PC Nick Schiarizzi, Society of Past Commanders

CPT Fish called the meeting to order at 1816 hours.

CC detailed an Ad Hoc Committee to coordinate the transfer and delivery to the assigned Armorer Micheal Nemeth of the Baretta Handguns of LT "Sonny" Macdonald currently in the custody of COL Lawrence Willwerth for the benefit of the Company.The SC was advised that an Insurance binder is in place as well as appropriate firearms licenses are in place for the parties involved.

Paymaster Report:
Discussion: LT Jon Sodoti reported that collections of dues for June Day are ahead of last year.Challenges with Club Express are being addressed as they are indentified. It was decided that letters for collection of dues as well as guest and table selections will be done both by regular mail solicitation as well as electronically.

A motion to accept the report of the Paymaster was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Personnel Adjutant Report:

Discussion: COL Henry Hogan. No report A motion to accept the report of the Personnel Adjutant was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Finance Committee Report:

Discussion: Club Express is up an running for those who wish to register for June Day as well as to pay annual due. June Day will be over budget but it is expected that an indepth review of expected expenses will resolve the shortfall. SC was reminded that that any excesses in a CC's year will be rolled over to the next CC's year.

A motion to accept the report of the Finance Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

Permanent Fund Report

Discussion: No report.

A motion to accept the report of the Permanent Fund was made and seconded and passed unanimously

Military Museum and Library Committee Report:
Discussion: The contracted upgrades of the display cases is completed with Museum Curator working with the contractor to resolve any issues. It is expected that the remaining 7 display cases in need of upgrades will be addressed next year. A 2nd grant for funds will be submitted for the upgrades.

A motion to accept the report of the Military Museum and Library Committee was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

Military Support Committee. Discussion: No Report

Recruiting and Retention: Discussion: There have been 28 new Regular Members including the expected 6 that will be admitted by oath on June Day.

A call was made for New Business,
SC was addressed by LT Brian Kane from Finance Committee regarding changes to Rule 309 (j)and (k)and the procedures to establish an oversight process that will allow the Finance Committee and the SC to participate in contracts by Company Officers that are not contained in the CC's budget for the command year. Objection was raised regarding events and obligations that the Company may incur that are not antcipated at the creation of the CC's Command Year Budget. The SC was reminded that the Command Year budget always contains a contingency fund that is available as well as a process that will provide for a request for funding over the Command Year Budget as well as an appeal process.
The Standing Committee voted to recommend a YES vote on this Rule Change.

A motion to adjourn that meeting was made and seconded and passed unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 1725 hours

The next scheduled meeting of the Standing Committee is at1720 hours on 12 May 2025.

COL Henry J. Hogan
Personnel Adjutant and
Clerk of the Company

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ABSTRACT OF SC MEETING MINUTES

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company
Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting
27, MAY 2025
Captains's Quarters, Fourth Floor, Faneuil Hall

No Standing Committee Meeting

Only Anniversary Meeting

Attendees:
MAJ Michael A. Fish, Captain Commanding
LT John A.Damiano, First Lieutenant
LT Bob Collins, Second Lieutenant
LT Stephen Colella, Incoming Captain
LTC Mike Wabrek, Incoming First Lieutenant
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LT John Sidoti, Paymaster
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LT Gerald O'Grady, Secretary Finance Committee
COL James Wiegel, Chairman Permanent Fund
LT Michael Haran, Chairman of the MM&L
LT Dominic Uglietto, Chairman of the Membership Committee
COL Jim Littleton, Prior Paymaster
PC Nick Schiarizzi, Society of Past Commanders
LT Joe Regan, Executive Secretary

CPT Fish called the meeting to order at N/A hours and asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the N/A, 2025. The motion was made seconded and passed unanimously.

Reports and Motions
See Handwritten Notes

A call was made for new business, being none; the meeting was adjourned at N/A hours

The next scheduled meeting of the Standing Committee is at 1800 hours on N/A ,2025.

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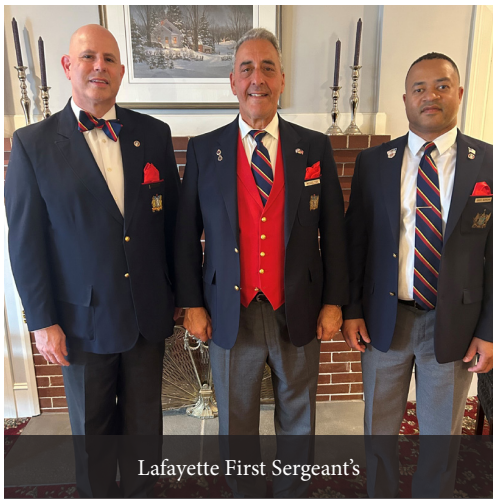


Lafayette First Sergeant's

Captain's Cruise 2025

Home British Consular General

BG Enoch “Woody” Woodhouse II

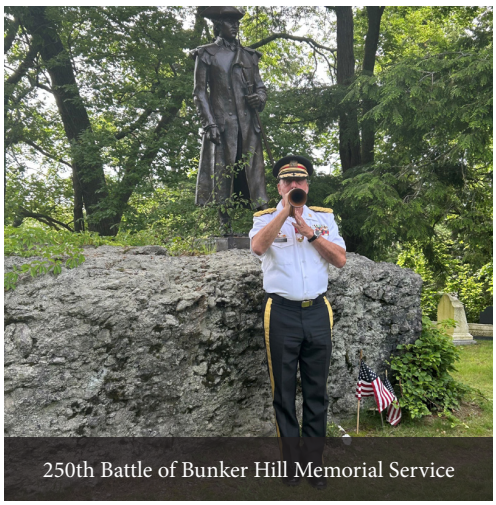
Graveside Captain Paul Morrill PC

Korean Veterans Event with Vincent and dad

Lafayette 200

Lieutenants Ball 2024

Memorial Day



250th Battle of Bunker Hill Memorial Service

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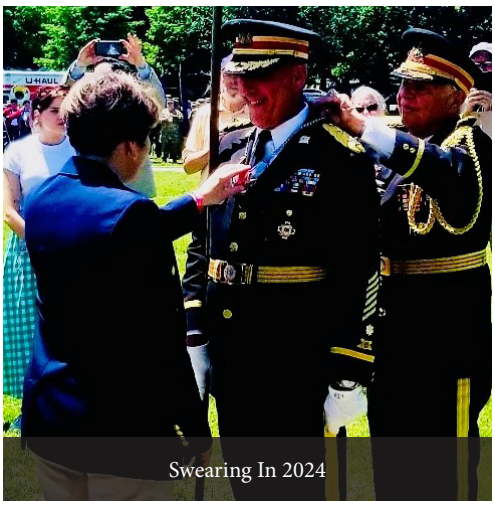
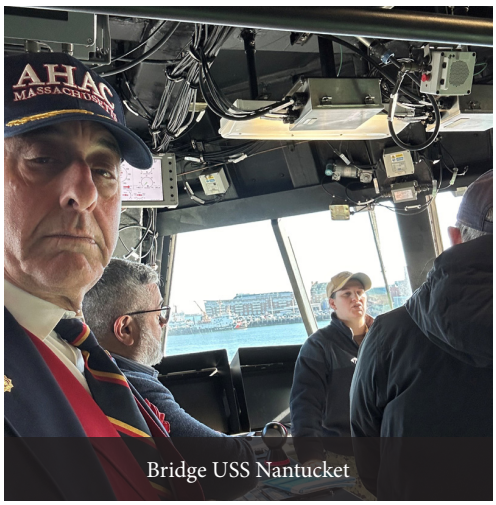


Swearing In 2024

USMC 250th Turn Around

USS Nantucket

25th Marines Change of Command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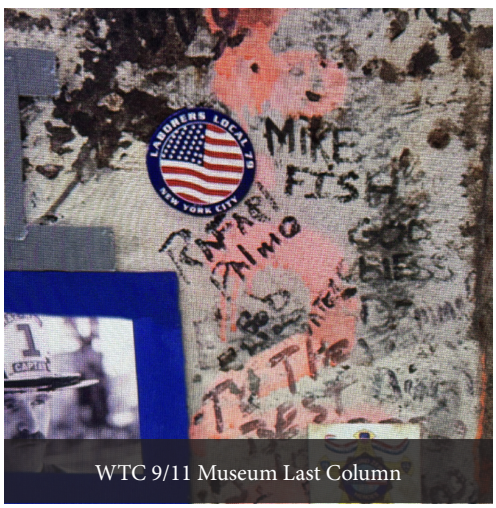
WTC 9/11 partners



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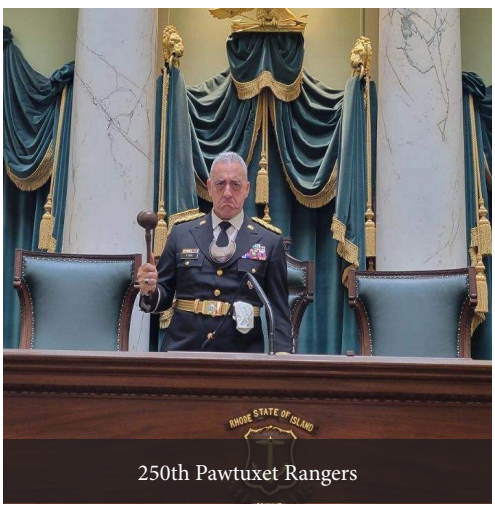

250th Pawtuxet Rangers

Official Visit Israel General Amir Avivi

Captains Cruise Welcome Party Col. Bill Trigonig

Captain's Cruise Pre Cruise Party

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Canadian Consulate Event

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